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CHURCHILL REPORTS TO CABINET

Results Of Paris Parleys

London, Dec. 19.

Mr Winston Churchill, returning overnight from Paris after two-day talks with France's leaders on topics for his Washington trip next month today went into a Cabinet meeting which lasted over two hours.

The 77-year-old Prime Minister, who was accompanied by the Foreign Secretary, Mr Anthony Eden, on his Paris visit, reported on his conversations with the French Premier, M. Rene Plevin, and the Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman.

These talks were followed by a pledge. In an official communique last night, that Britain would associate herself as closely as possible with the proposed European army.

This may help to smooth the way for the Churchill-Truman discussions in Washington where the United States' desire to press on towards a federal Europe will be emphasized.

Britain will now await the results of the meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the six European army countries in Paris immediately after Christmas.

LINE TO BE TAKEN

If a definite form for the European army emerges from this conference, the British Government can then formulate its own plans for co-operation.

The line which Mr Churchill and Mr Eden will take in Washington on the European army question must be governed in detail by the conclusion emerging from the decisive ministerial meeting in Paris.

This conference will determine whether the European army, in the form proposed by France and supported by Britain, is to become a reality.

The Cabinet will meet again tomorrow.

Mr Churchill is due to leave for America in the liner Queen Mary on December 29.

Mr Churchill has proposed no fixed agenda for Washington where his talks with President Truman will be informal.

British Helicopter Service Plans

London, Dec. 19.

The British European Airways are planning a helicopter service capable eventually of carrying 45 passengers per plane between cities and at 55 mph.

Such a plan would eliminate road journeys to an terminal; such as operate to and from Le Bourget in Paris and London Airport.—Reuter.



SOLDIERS MUTINY

New York, Dec. 19.

Seven Army privates were convicted of mutiny and rioting today and faced possible death penalties for leading a wild demonstration in the Army guard-house.

The Army charged that the seven led a riot of 375 prisoners in the old Governor's Island guardhouse in New York harbor on September 17. The overseer at the prison testified that the prisoners refused to work and demanded that the guards stop "treating them like dogs."—United Press.

Europe Shrouded In Fog

London, Dec. 19.

Fog covered large parts of Western Europe again today, causing traffic delays and accidents.

In the United States the cold spell has caused the death of more than 200 people.

Paris reduced traffic in misty weather was reported today from French airports after many were closed completely yesterday because of fog.

Six aircraft managed to take off from Orly and five landed. Traffic was reduced at Le Bourget, Nice and Marseilles.

From Milan it was reported that three people lost their way and were drowned in dense fog shrouding North-West Italy today.

At Pavia, a lorry with two men plunged into a flooded ditch. Another man fell into a canal.

Fog covered Western Switzerland for the sixth consecutive day, causing widespread delay in air, rail and road traffic today.

Only one plane has landed at Geneva Airport since last Friday.

Trains last night were running up to 100 minutes late and many road accidents have been reported.

Zurich was clear of fog for the first time for several days.

From Chicago it was reported that more than 200 people have died as the result of the severe frost over the United States since last Friday.

Thousands have been injured in falls on the icy streets.

Another snow storm struck wide areas today, the centre being in the North and Central Rockies.—Reuter.

Gov-Gen Resigns

Tehran, Dec. 19.

Tehran's Governor-General resigned today in protest against Government "irregularities in the conduct of the country's general election."—United Press.

Disarmament Commission Announced

Security Council Plus Canada

Paris, Dec. 19.

The Disarmament Commission to be set up as a result of today's recommendation of the Political Committee of the United Nations will comprise members of the Security Council and Canada.

From January 1 the Security Council will be made up of Brazil, Britain, China, France, Greece or Byelo-Russia, Holland, Pakistan, the Soviet Union, Turkey and the United States.

The Commission will set its sights on a ban on atomic weapons and securing the use of atomic energy for peaceful purposes only.

It will plan a draft treaty for "regulation, limitation and balanced reduction" of all armed forces and effective international control of atomic energy.

Other features of the approved Western plan are:

- 1.—Progressive disclosure and verification of all armed forces and armaments including atomic weapons.
- 2.—Effective inspection.
- 3.—An "adequate system" of safeguards for prompt detection of violations with the minimum of interference in each country.

The proposal for a world disarmament conference has made sufficient progress with its work was carried by 45 to five votes with eight abstentions.—Reuter.

POW Exchange Talks Suspended

Pan Mun Jom, Dec. 20.

The UN Liaison officer, Col. James Murray, told the Communist Liaison officer at Pan Mun Jom today that the UN Command is still "studying" and analyzing the POW roster, furnished by the Communists and is not ready to resume negotiations on the prisoner exchange.

Col. Murray said he could not tell the UN delegation when the UN delegation would be ready to resume discussions on Agents Item Four—prisoner exchange.—United Press.

Relief Supplies By Parachute

Haifa, Dec. 19.

Mercy planes today were flying over the Holy Land, parachuting supplies to several Jewish settlements isolated and damaged by floods near the biblical Sea of Galilee.

In the north of Israel, several immigrant camps were made useless by surging floodwaters, which carried away buns and migrants' belongings. Many roads were submerged—some by over three feet of swirling torrent.

Experts estimated that the damage would reach at least \$1,000,000.

The authorities in the small northern port of Nahariya and some settlements on the coastal plain, began evacuating children, as the level of the floods rose.—Reuter.

SEARCH FOR GLIDER

San Francisco, Dec. 19.

The full resources of the air search and rescue services of Northern California today were organized for the search of Carl Erik Overgard, the well-known Swedish glider pilot missing for more than 24 hours after a take-off for a record-breaking altitude attempt in the sub-stratosphere thermal currents of the Sierra Nevada.

Overgard took off in a high altitude glider yesterday in an attempt to reach an altitude of 35,000 feet.

He carried a six-hour oxygen supply. His low-plane released him at 14,000 feet and he climbed into the mist that shrouded the mountain peaks. He has not been reported since.—Reuter.

Reported Failure Of Eden-Salah Discussions

MINISTERS STAND PAT ON FIRST CONDITIONS

Cairo, Dec. 19.

The Egyptian press said today the meeting between British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and Egyptian Foreign Minister Salah El Din Pasha in Paris has been a failure.

The two Foreign Ministers met on Tuesday in an attempt to find an area of agreement in the bitter British-Egyptian dispute over the Suez Canal.

The independent newspaper Al Ahran said in a Paris dispatch that neither Eden nor Salah "budded an inch" from their positions. The dispatch said Mr Eden asked the Egyptian Foreign Minister to see that guerrilla attacks on the British in the Canal Zone be stopped and that the way be prepared for negotiations.

Salah replied, the dispatch said, that immediate evacuation of British troops from the Canal area is the prime condition for restoring peace there and improving Anglo-Egyptian relations.

In Cairo, Acting Foreign Minister Ibrahim Farag was quoted as saying his recent talks with U.S. Ambassador Jefferson Caffery concerned the question of Middle East defence. The U.S., Britain, France and Turkey have announced plans to go ahead with a defence Command setup, despite Egypt's rejection of a bid to join. Newspapers quoted Farag as commenting that Middle East defence should be undertaken exclusively by the Middle East countries.

The Egyptian Foreign Minister today dispatched to Cairo a detailed report of his conversations last night with Mr Anthony Eden, for consideration and possible response by his government, it was officially learned.

The hour-long discussion of last night was continued today and officials on both sides emphasized that it would be "some time" before details of the talks would be made known.

Salah el. Din Pasha told the United Press there were no plans at present for further bilateral talks. Despite the apparent barrenness of the discussions, representatives on both sides insisted that the meeting had served its purpose by having established direct contact between the diplomatic heads of the two governments.

An Egyptian spokesman emphasized that the meeting was devoted to "talks" and not "negotiations."—Associated Press and United Press.

ACHESON'S HOPES

Washington, Dec. 19.

The Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, told a Press conference here today that the United States was hopeful that the proposals to the Egyptian Government on the Middle East Command would be acceptable to it.

It still hoped that there might be a time when the Egyptian Government would reconsider its position.

By joining the Command Egypt would be furnished with a real avenue of escape from the locked position she now occupied in the Suez Canal dispute with Britain.

The United States still hoped that Britain might find ways of participating in plans for an integrated European army and might eventually join it, Mr Acheson also said.—Reuter.

Completes Report

Paris, Dec. 19.

Dr Frank P. Graham, the United Nations Kashmir representative, has completed his report and submitted it to the United Nations Secretary-General, Mr Trygve Lie, a usually reliable source said here tonight.

Advance copies of the report were also understood to have been given to the Indian and Pakistan delegations to the United Nations.—Reuter.

ISMAILIA QUIET

Ismailla, Dec. 19.

A British communiqué tonight said that Ismailla had been quiet today, following the ambush of military police jeeps on Monday night, when British casualties were caused.

No incidents of importance had been reported elsewhere in the Canal Zone, the communiqué added.

The British cruiser Gambier has released the cruiser Liverpool at Port Said and is returning to Malta for Christmas.

The British authorities today put out of bounds the road past Ismailla's police headquarters, where the British military police jeeps were ambushed on Monday.

All British vehicles have been ordered to use the longer alternative routes at night.—Reuter.

SUDAN FLEETS

Paris, Dec. 19.

Ibrahim el. Mufli, Executive Board member of the Sudan's pro-Egyptian Ashigga Party, told a Press conference here today that all six of the Sudan's political parties now supported Egypt's demand for a plebiscite to decide the territory's future.

The National Front Party had joined the Ashigga, Umma, Unionist Liberal and Unity of the Nile Valley Parties in backing the plebiscite and asking for it to be held immediately under United Nations supervision.

The plebiscite, he said, should choose between complete independence and unity with Egypt.

The Egyptian Foreign Minister, Mohammed Salah el. Din Pasha, who was present at the conference, agreed when Yacoub Osmann, Assistant Secretary-General of the Sudanese Umma Party declared he was sure that Egypt would not object if the Sudanese "secured their freedom" before a full settlement of the Anglo-Egyptian dispute.

The Umma Party wants independence.—Reuter.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Proposed Rent Increases

GOVERNMENT'S announced proposals to amend the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance are certain to meet with a mixed reception. Property owners generally will regard the revisions as going some way toward removing unfair anomalies; on the other hand large numbers of white collar workers in the lower salary brackets will believe they have reason to fear a further increase in living costs when the new hikes in rentals for domestic premises become effective.

Government's view is that current open market rates for business and domestic premises must now be regarded as the norm; that the controlled rates bear no relation to those governing de-controlled property, and that to some extent controlled rents must be made more realistic. The argument is acceptable, and Government can be given credit for trying to work out a readjustment that will not impose too severe a hardship on tenants. Fully protected from exploitation are the small wage earners who have to live in sub-divided tenement houses. They are already to a large degree at the mercy of principal tenants who contrive not only to have their own rentals paid for them by the sub-tenants, but extort from them a margin for personal gain. In effect, therefore, Government is not saving these under-privileged sub-tenants from greedy landlords, but from unscrupulous principal tenants. In permitting an immediate increase of 30 per cent on existing rents for certain other types of domestic premises after the amended Ordinance has become effective, and a subsequent rise of 40 per cent six months later, Government cannot avoid impairing the economy of thousands of middle class workers whose high cost of living allowances, in many cases, do not include provision for rent. It is not difficult, however, to appreciate Government's dilemma. To grant favourable revision of controlled rents to owners of business

property to the complete exclusion of domestic property landlords would be invidious and unfair. It is Government's proposal that by the middle of next year the overall increase in rentals for certain types of domestic premises shall be 100 per cent of the pre-war levels, and it cannot seriously be contended that this increase, in view of ruling open market rates, is unreasonable. Government, however, will have to watch closely the effect on family economy, and to satisfy itself that higher rentals are not causing undue hardship. The official long-term policy which envisages gradual de-control is sensible. Controls in themselves are abhorrent and are justifiable only when applied to meet abnormal circumstances. The Attorney-General very correctly reminded Legislative Council that the housing and accommodation problem in Hongkong was still acute, and with due regard for this it is not proposed to indulge in any wholesale de-controlling of property. For the most part the type of property which it is proposed shall become free of controls next July is acceptable, but Government may be well advised to reconsider its suggestion that domestic premises, standard rental for which was \$200 before the war, should also be de-controlled. It is well to remember that there was a general rise in rents between 1938 and 1941 due to the influx of Chinese refugees from Central and Southern China, and it must not, therefore, be inferred that premises with rentals of \$200 a month were all luxury flats, or that the same buildings today are accommodating only people who can afford between five and eight hundred dollars a month for rent. The most careful thought must be given to the question of de-controlling domestic property. While landlords are entitled to the fairest possible consideration in existing circumstances, it also remains true that tenants continue to require some protection.

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MUTUAL AID PLAN DECIDED

Far East Move By Britain, France

London, Dec. 19.—Downing Street circles are extremely pleased with the results of Premier Winston Churchill's meeting with the French Premier, Jean Monnet, early this week.

A joint communiqué issued after the meeting stated that the two governments had agreed to a plan of mutual aid in the Far East. The plan provides for the exchange of information and the pooling of resources in the region. It also calls for the establishment of a joint committee to coordinate the efforts of the two countries in the Far East.

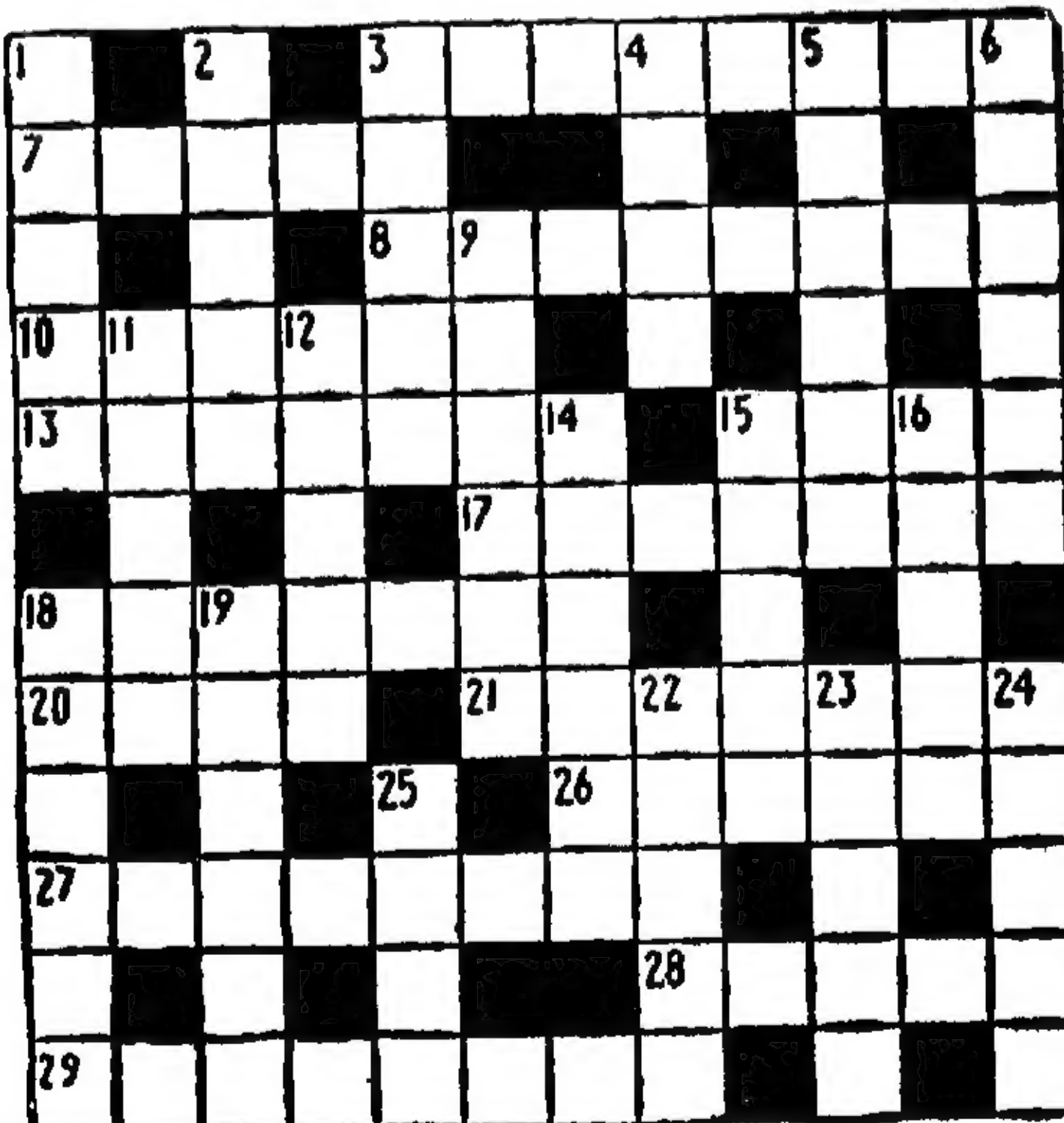
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INDIAN CASE PUT OFF

Paris, Dec. 19.—The United Nations Special Ad Hoc Political Committee today adjourned without opening a discussion of the Indian Government's renewed complaint against South Africa on the treatment of people of Indian origin in Natal and the Transvaal.

The item was not reached today because a dispute between the Indian delegate and the Chairman, Mr. Selim Sannikov, of the Soviet Union, prevented a vote on the Indian case.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 3 Gambler (8).
- 7 Antic (5).
- 8 Helped (8).
- 10 Scrape (6).
- 13 Meditates (7).
- 15 Skin (4).
- 17 Avily (7).
- 18 Wenching (7).
- 20 Way out (4).
- 21 Breakfast-table utensils (8-4).
- 26 Team (6).
- 27 Stick out (8).
- 28 Without stint (2, 3).
- 29 Disavow (8).

DOWN

- 1 Fight (5).
- 2 Reject disdainfully (5).
- 3 Quality (5).
- 4 Heretic tale (4).
- 5 Tie up (6).
- 6 Roughly (6).
- 9 Calm (6).
- 11 Chemical (5).
- 12 Take as one's own (5).
- 14 Drooped (8).
- 15 Quietude (5).
- 16 Run away (5).
- 18 Opined (6).
- 19 Turning points (6).
- 22 Shine (5).
- 23 Part of the palate (5).
- 24 Those with too great respect for position and wealth (5).
- 25 Spoken (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Elders, 5 Tango, 8 Alarm, 9 Resume, 10 Audit, 11 Peril, 12 Lure, 13 Texe, 16 Hemote, 18 Bearer, 20 Dwell, 22 Hobo, 23 Alibi, 25 Okapi, 26 Nellie, 27 Serge, 28 Aches, 29 Eludes, Down: 1 Enrolled, 2 Desolate, 3 Ramp, 4 Sleeper, 5 Traitor, 6 Amulet, 7 Grips, 14 Revolved, 16 Empowers, 17 Rallies, 18 Melange, 19 Elapse, 21 Elapse, 22 Wake, 23 Bear.

Llamas Are Ready For The Bird Show At Olympia



Yes, it's true! Gladys and Misty, London Zoo llamas, will have their part in the National Cage Birds Exhibition opening at Olympia. They are among a number of birds and animals to be sent by the London Zoo and will be cared for by Miss Pip Viney, Children's Zoo supervisor, who is pictured with them—Reuterphoto.

Operation On De Lattre

Paris, Dec. 19.

The French Ministry of Associated States tonight issued a communiqué stating that General Jean de Lattre de Tassigny, French Commander-in-Chief and High Commissioner in Indo-China, would undergo an operation.

The communiqué stated that the General last night entered a nursing home in the Paris region where he will undergo a "slight surgical operation."

An official of the Ministry refused to disclose the nature of the operation.—Reuter.

XMAS MESSAGE TO TROOPS

London, Dec. 19.

The Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Field-Marshal Sir William Slim, in a Christmas message to British troops in the Middle East, thanked them for their courage and endurance in the face of danger, hardship and privation.

"We at home are proud of you," he said.—Reuter.

West Replies To Russian Protest

London, Dec. 19.

The Western Powers—America, Britain, France and Turkey—told Russia today that it was her fault that they were forming a common Middle East Defence Command.

They blamed Russia for causing the international tension which had forced them to band together and said that if she objected to their defence moves it was up to the Soviet Union to back by deeds her words of peace.

The four notes, published in the Western capitals today, were handed over to the Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, Mr. Andrei Gromyko, yesterday. They were sent in answer to Russia's protest of November 24 to the four Powers against the proposed Middle East Command.

Although the notes conformed in rejecting Russia's charge that the Command was aggressive, the American and Turkish notes were expressed in stronger terms than the British and French.

The American note recalled that the 1940 Stalin-Hitler Pact recorded Russia's interest in the Middle East. From Russia's attitude to the area, America could only assume that Soviet policy of 1940 was the same today.

The note quoted from the Stalin-Hitler Pact an agreement that the USSR be enabled to establish a base for land and naval forces within range of the Turkish straits and that "the area south of Batum and of Baku in the general direction of the Persian Gulf is recognised as the centre of the aspirations of the Soviet Union."

The American note also accused Russia of interfering in the affairs of Middle East States by sending them warnings against joining the Command.

The British note said that the Government "cannot resist the conclusion that the Soviet Government is opposed to any measures designed to assure the stability of the Middle East and thereby to lay the foundations for the future peace and prosperity of the whole area."

It added that both the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation and the proposed Middle East Command sprang from the same source—"the determination to make common cause in resisting aggression."

The French note emphasised that the Western Powers had no aggressive intentions and "are firmly resolved not to depart from this attitude."

Answering the Russian charge of "intervention" in the affairs of the Middle East States the French reply said, "No measure of a military character would be taken without the complete approval of the State or States concerned, whose independence

is guaranteed by the United Nations Charter."

The French note also stated that the Western Powers were determined to maintain the peace and stability of the Middle East.

FINDING OF ST. PETER'S TOMB DECIDED BEYOND DOUBT

Vatican Issues Report

Vatican City, Dec. 19.

The discovery of the tomb of the Apostle Peter has been established with scientific certainty, according to a two-volume report that Vatican archaeologists presented to Pope Pius XII today.

The Tomb of the Prince of the Apostles was found beneath the High Altar of the Basilica of St. Peter's, the largest church in the world, but the report made no claim to the identity of a small pile of human bones found next to the Apostle's Tomb.

Osservatore Romano, the Vatican newspaper, published tonight a digest of the report, said that Pope Pius, soon after his election to the Papacy in 1959, ordered excavation work to begin despite fears that the stability of the Basilica might be endangered.

The Pope received the first copy of the report, richly bound in parchment. Ten thousand and five hundred other copies are being printed for sale at 40,000 lire (£23) each. One volume has 290 pages of text, and the other, illustrations and designs.

Osservatore Romano said that the excavators first penetrated to the level of the Basilica, built by the Roman Emperor Constantine in the 4th Century over the reputed Tomb of St. Peter.

The diggers then carefully worked their way into the Roman pagan cemetery, which covered the steep Vatican Hill at the time of the Apostle's death in 64 or 67 A.D.

Immediately beneath the High Altar of the present Basilica, they uncovered a structure which obviously had been a centre of constant devotion but which had undergone many changes during the early centuries.

The tomb had been pillaged and damaged.

RESPECTED SPACE

Traditionally St. Peter was crucified head downwards in the Circus of Nero beside the Vatican Hill and then buried in the nearby pagan cemetery.

The newspaper's digest said that the poor tombs and graves found under the High Altar must definitely be dated as belonging to the second half of the 1st century Anno Domini. They were singularly intact.

Pagan mausoleums belonging to an enriched middle class included the whole zone from the beginning of the 2nd Century, ranging in size from a small space which was singularly respected.

"A few remains of a wall at the side of this space, at a level slightly higher than that of the oldest tomb, likewise belong with moral certainty to the tomb of the Apostle," the report said.

After the first half of the 2nd century, succeeding constructions remained fixed on this point, which was made an object of honour.

A memorial was built over the tomb in the second half of the 2nd Century. This memorial lasted until the 4th Century until finally there arose the great Basilica of Constantine, in which the memorial, enclosed in a sort of monumental chapel, sustained and ornamented by six columns of marble, was located in the very centre of the sanctuary.

Successive works extensively modified this sanctuary during

the 6th and 7th Centuries and finished by completely hiding the memorial from the eyes of the faithful.

"But it remained there under the newly raised floor as the object when the old Basilica gave place to the new majestic temple of the 16th and 17th Centuries."

"Thus, with persistence, the topographical stability and chronological continuity of which are undoubtedly elements of the highest scientific value, the cult of the Apostle's Tomb was perpetuated here throughout the most varied and radical structural changes over the space of nineteen centuries."

The paper, saying that no means had yet been sought for giving public access to the Tomb, added that it was doubtful whether this would ever be possible except in a very limited measure because of the very narrow spaces and difficulty of movement between the walls of the Tomb and the supporting pillars.—Reuter.

Wells For Thirsty Lions

Kathiawar, Dec. 20.

What will 250 lions do when they are thirsty?

Saurashtra State officials are taking no chances in this drought-stricken region bordering the dense Gir mountain jungles. They have sent special detachments of workers to dig wells for the big cats.

The Gir mountains have been designated a protected area for the only extant specimens of the Asiatic lion. Officials fear the lions may growl into villages bordering the jungles—attacking not only domestic animals, but possibly humans.

Most of Northwest India is in the grip of a drought. Government lorries are carrying water to the worst affected spots.

Workmen digging the lion wells have devised sloping approaches on one side of the wells to ease the way for the thirsty felines.

A three-week observation of salt-licks last year resulted in an estimate by biologists that 250 lions inhabit the Gir jungles.—Associated Press.

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The setting in the Pierre Hotel was perfect. The occasion, with 350 big business men from Europe and the United States all assembled, was ideal. Everything in the way of advance publicity, Press arrangements, elaborate brochures in three languages, (English, French, and German) had been prepared. And we fumbled and flustered and fell by the wayside.

One man, the American Mr Paul Hoffman, former Marshall Plan chief, talked straight sense. He urged "hard thinking, strong incentives, and bold competition" as the formula for increased production in Europe. He was very polite for a man who had given away tens of millions of dollars to his audience.

Our contribution

WHAT did we do? Not very much. Sir Norman Kipping, director-general of the Federation of British Industries, tried, but speaking for Britain and Western Europe he said that American success was the "result of the complete set of circumstances—geographical, historical, and political"—in which the United States found herself. It wasn't just due to simplification, or specialisation, or ruthless and unlimited competition, or darned hard work—no, sir! Then Sir Norman added: "I would beg [the] American aid should take forms which would help us all to help ourselves, such as the supply of materials and particular machines without which our productivity cannot rise." Oh, dear! Alas and alack!

This was our contribution to the great occasion. This was the way we missed a golden opportunity.

Muffed it

LEAVING the press room, with its electric typewriters and sheafs of mimeographed hand-outs, I met some New York newspapermen in the Pierre lobby. One said: "What's wrong with your lot? Here's a 30-man British delegation, and what has it done? What has it offered?"

Another said: "The British attitude has been almost entirely negative."

The first International Conference of Manufacturers may as well be the last if this is all we

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can do. I am not surprised that Paul Porter, chief European representative of Economic Co-operation Administration (the Marshall Plan), calls Europe's continued dependence on America a "shocking state of affairs." I do not blame Mr Porter for saying he doesn't understand why Britain's coal production should be lagging "when unemployed Italian workers clamour for the chance to work in the coalmines."

The American mood is getting testy. The biggest of the big business men are wondering if the United States isn't overstretching herself.

Damage is done

PRESIDENT Truman has been juggling with guns, butter, propaganda, and all-out aid to Europe, but the performance is coming apart at the seams. Not even the United States can afford everything everywhere. And particularly not just now, when so many hands are in the till.

I passed through Washington the other day, and I tell you that corruption and scandals in the capital have blown off a lid bigger than the Teapot Dome.

First there were milk costs and deep freezers and Florida fishing trips on the cut for interested parties, and no one minded very much. Now there are revelations regarding dubious oil leases, illegal commissions on sales of Government property, vast income-tax evasions, pay-offs, fixings, and funny business.

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Scores of officials have already been fired, and scores more will be kicked out but the damage to the Administration has been done.

It's a pity that this mess should have been uncovered in the short weeks before Christmas. Everything looks wonderfully well on the surface. New York is at its most magnificent. The city has just about completed its dressing-up for the celebration.

Only the weather has been unreasonable. We are all going around without overcoats in a temperature of 65 degrees.

Sales in the shops match the mercury, and I'm glad to see so many British goods are being bought.

They are of wonderful quality and selling well. But, oh, the prices!

If tariffs and taxes were cut, and the British export drive really went into top gear, we could garner many more millions here. The American market hasn't been really tapped, and don't let the Federation of British Industries tell you differently. What we need are commercial travellers to move in and sell.

Two travellers

TWO British travellers, Mr C. G. Robinson and Mr George Philpot, dropped in on me this week. I suppose they would be called little business men, but they had big ideas and were ranging the country reaping orders. I said to Mr Philpot: "But where do you live? Haven't you a flat or a house?" And he said: "I've been here two years, but I live from one hotel room to another. I'm always on the move. I'm here for business, not for comfort."

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'BABEL' GOES UNDERGROUND

by GEORGE SCOTT

FROM the pithead cage step 80 men, all looking alike after eight hours down there.

There is a clatter of talk, and pink lips and tongues gape startlingly out of grimy masks. They look alike, but speak in the tongues of eight nations.

As the people say round Windsor Colliery with wry good humour: "It will be the Welsh who are looked on as foreigners here soon."

The Poles were first to come to Caerphilly Mountain four years ago. Most are still at the

colliery. Some, helped by their Welsh tutors, have become skilled men, earning, with overtime, up to £16 a week.

They have married local girls, have saved, and have bought houses in the district.

Since the Poles there have been Yugoslavs, Hungarians, Lithuanians, Polish-Ukrainians, Latvians. Foreign workers now total 153. That is not counting the Scots, the Irish, and English. Add them to the Welsh, call these last four British and we have accounted for seven of the eight languages.

All have been absorbed with little fuss.

Where names were too difficult to pronounce, the Welsh awarded nicknames as they do to their own folk. So now the twin villages of Abertridwr and Senghennydd have not only Dai the Coal, but also Peter the Pole.

Dusk is beginning to curtain the squat, white buildings of the colliery now. Up comes the cage again and out jumps a lone man. A tall man, a big man. But young or old, dark or fair, it is impossible to tell.

But, at a single question, the mask cracks into violent animation. He turns out to be Italian—which makes up the eighth of those nations we mentioned.

He speaks enough English to prove that he, Gianni Gemin, is happy. Very happy.

He has just worked an extra two hours in the stooping, water-dripping gloom 1,800ft. below

Savings

THAT means more money. But money is just a means to a wished-for end. The end that is now only one week away.

"Then," he says, "my sweetheart will be here from Italy. I saved money to send for her. Soon we shall be married."

That is one reason for Gianni's happiness. Another is knowing there will be work for him tomorrow and for as many tomorrows as imagination can conceive.

Like the other 26 Italians in this pit—there are 45 altogether in three pits in South Wales—he comes to Britain on a two-year contract. After that for his repatriation or he can carry on the good work.

Gianni—that means Johnny in English—came to the Aber Valley seven weeks ago. His home was in Venice. But for him that name means unemployment, not gondolas drifting on a golden canal.

He earns from William Williams with something like 40 years' experience to buttress his judgment, the tribute of showing "good shape."

Gianni has said already he wants to sign on for another five years when his first two are over. And he has ambitions which make the colliery manager a grey-faced, chummy man, joke: "I'll have to watch out."

But Gianni is not exceptional either in work or ambition. The only test demanded by the Welsh miners is: "Are they pulling their weight?" Nationality does not matter.

Promotion

WITH foreigners doing the essential, unskilled work underground, like road-making

THE STORY of the Poles, Hungarians, Lithuanians, Ukrainians, Italians—all working in one tiny village

and "pasking"—filling with dirt the gaps at the face where coal has been cut—the Welshmen have a chance to move on to more skilled work.

The Southwestern Division of the Coal Board, which includes Somerset as well as South Wales—would like 2,000 Italians.

The miners' leaders agreed with the Coal Board on the principle of employing Italians. But agreement at "high level" is a different matter from the fact being accomplished.

Out of 100 pits where they are needed in this area only seven miners' lodges have agreed to accept them.

Old fears persist in the valleys of South Wales. Fears of unemployment, born in the bony "chairs" which end the labour shortage, which is such a strong weapon in wage negotiations.

In the Aber Valley, at the Windsor Colliery, they seem to have accepted the assurance that Welshmen will always come first.

Lodgings

SO much for the atmosphere in the pits. What about the effect of this new batch of Italians on life in the villages?

It is early to say. But here is one woman, slight, grey-haired, wearing an apron. She stands arms akimbo, in her living-room, within 100 yards of the pithead and a mile of the old Universal pit.

In October 1918 an explosion killed 439 men—the most grievous disaster in British mining history. There are still widows and children in the valley getting pension from the 1918 disaster fund.

Mrs Lucy Evans has two of the Italians as lodgers. As we talk they are asleep upstairs after an eight-hour night shift. "First day they came," she says. "I gave them spaghetti. Made it with sugar and milk. They nearly threw it back at me. Now they get it boiled in water, with salt, and mixed with tomatoes. Then they're happy."

"I said to one of them—Nicolino Antonelli—as a joke the other day: 'One week's notice to quit. Another Italian wants to come here!'"

"He was mad. His arms flew all over the place. Tell him to keep away from my home," he said. My home. That's how they've settled down here."

Mother's sons

TWO pairs of shoes glisten on the stairs, ready for the lodgers. These Welsh women look after their men.

"I have no husband," says Mrs. Evans. "He died 15 years ago. Of silicosis."

In the hearth lies a piano—according to its black case. The other lodger, Salvatore Angelini, is a musician. But that is not quite the way Mrs. Evans put it. "He nearly blows us out of the house," she says. But adds, "He's good at it, though."

Her 19-year-old daughter Maureen teaches them English. A romance, perhaps? "Not on your life," says Mrs. Evans. "Nothing like that. But you've got to look after them. After all, they're some mother's sons, aren't they?"

GERMANS TRYING TO DODGE THE BILL

From CHARLES WIGHTON

HANOVER. TREASURY. British men have warned Whitehall that the Germans are trying to dodge paying for European defence.

After a secret survey of Germany's new industrial boom, British investigators say the 45,000,000 West Germans could pay double the £550 million they now reluctantly contribute towards British, French, and U.S. Forces defending them.

The Germans, reported an investigator, could pay for the 18 Allied divisions being stationed along the Iron Curtain frontier and for a 12-division German Army as well.

But this double contribution would end the Germans' attempt to seize British export markets while Britain herself is busy re-arming. And Germany, thriving for trade and rich living, prefers to put her money into new factories and let the Allies shoulder the entire defence burden.

Individual Germans are paying only half what the average British taxpayer provides for defence. And constant propaganda against Allied occupation costs is being used as a smoke screen to cover what the Germans could pay.

Finance Minister Fritz Schaefer claims that his taxpayers cannot possibly afford more than £750 million a year for the Allied garrison forces and a new German Army. But the British Treasury rejects this.

Said a senior British financial official: "We insist, and important Americans agree, that the Germans are well able to find something over £1,000 million a year. That would be about ten per cent of Western Germany's gross national income."

"If the Germans refuse, a must be made to pay. They must go on supplying every penny of the £175 million

heavy three-year defence programme. It is quite impossible to increase that expenditure no matter how much the Germans howl.

"If we fail to get the £175 million the Germans pay towards British occupation costs it will mean another 9d. in the £ on income tax—and the British cannot afford it."

"The Germans ignore the fact that the British taxpayer is paying millions for wages and supplies of British Forces which are part of Germany's defence."

"If the British taxpayer had to foot the whole bill for those forces, there would almost certainly be a clamour to bring them home."

British officials now negotiating the end of the occupation with Premier Adenauer have been told by Whitehall: "The Germans must be made to pay. They must go on supplying every penny of the £175 million

for the British garrison, whether it is called occupation costs or a defence contribution.

"Not a penny can be added to British income tax to maintain forces in Germany."

Senior British staff officers say that great economies have been made on garrison costs in the past year. Further cuts would seriously hit the living standard of British soldiers and Service families in Germany.

"Why should British troops defending the Germans be allowed to become poor relations?" said a senior staff officer. "They are almost that as it is."

British officials believe that it is high time Finance Minister Schaefer got down to collecting his own taxes instead of accusing the British of extravagance.

These officials believe the Germans are dodging taxes to the wholesale. In addition, the working population.

West German Parliament refuses to impose heavier taxation—apparently in the belief that the Western Allies will go on footing a large part of Germany's defence bill.

Prominent Germans outside the Government agree that there is widespread tax evasion. The provincial Premier of Lower Saxony, Heinrich Kopf, recently told British officials that Germany could raise much more money if the Government enforced the present taxation laws.

Important German's allege that the Government is scared of big business barons in the Ruhr, who contributed big sums to Premier Adenauer's election fund and were largely responsible for his Government getting in.

FOOTNOTE: Cost of defence in Britain this year is about £55 a head of the working population.

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Play Is Logical, But Easily Missed

NORTH		4
♠ A 7 Q		
♥ K 10 4 2		
♦ K Q 9		
♣ 5 2		
WEST (D)		EAST
♠ 6 4 3		♠ 8 8 7 5
♥ A 3		♥ 6 5
♦ A Q		♦ 6 5 4 3 2
♣ A J 10 9 8 6		♣ 7 3
SOUTH		
♠ J 10 2		
♥ K Q J 8		
♦ J 10 8 7		
♣ K 4		
Both sides vul.		
West North East South		
1 ♠ Double Pass 2 ♥		
3 ♥ Pass Pass 4 ♥		
Opening lead—♦ A		

By OSWALD JACOBY

"SOUTH made his contract in this hand," writes a Montreal correspondent, "but he could have been beaten. I don't say that he should have been beaten, because that's really what I'm writing to you about."

West opened the ace of diamonds and dummy played in queen. West thought this over for a second or two and then laid down the ace of clubs, continuing with the ace of clubs. He hoped that East would produce the king of clubs, and if he did, he was disappointed on both counts.

South took the king of clubs and led a trump at once. West could take it in any of three ways, but he took it in the heart.

When the play of the hand ended, West produced the ace of clubs. He had deflected the ace of clubs, and the ace of clubs was the second trump forcing out South's king. South would lead a trump, and West would lay up with the ace of clubs. West would lead the ace of clubs, and West would lead the ace of clubs.

"Would a real expert make this play, or is it strictly a pipe dream?"

It is a hard question to answer. The play is very logical, but difficult to see. It is a play that a very expert might make, but a very expert might not make it.

West can see that he needs a diamond trick to beat the contract. He can play the lead to his partner, and if he can, he can beat the contract.

When he leads the queen of clubs, West is a king hand to overtake with the king if he can. After that, play is easy. South's king West leads the six of clubs to allow East to win if he has the seven or if he can beat it.

What if East has a singleton club and a singleton trump? That is possible. East would have six or more clubs, and he would have his long suit over the club of one club.

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BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

WRITING of a concert the other day, a music critic said: "The fate of the oboe had the right masculine acidity." Nowadays hungry people will bite almost anything, not lacking acidity, but with that true acidity and ill-temper which is the result of hunger, or what is called deficiency of vitamins. The report that a French politician had been eaten by his constituents made no mention of malice. It was again, probably sheer hunger. In this country, parliamentary privilege protects our M.P.s from any possible outbreak of cannibalism. The Member who complained that two men with a blasting-iron hit a few uncles his chair and tried to roast him had the sympathy of all the well-fed. What that oboe bit is not mentioned, but the G-string of a violin, with a sauce of oboe, is said to be fairly tender.

The Hidden Rhinoceros

AS midnight chimed from the clock of the Pinyan University, old Mother Beel, the laundress, rubbed the blind in her doorway, sitting in a rocking chair, her old lamp to the right. There was an answering signal from a window

opposite. A man in the alley whistled twice. A woman on a roof-top hoisted like an owl. Then all was still. Ten minutes later a pair of Siamese twins came out of an iron-monster's shed on the Franchon quay on the left bank of the Danube, and got into a rowing boat. Magda von Sickingen rose from the stern, finger to lips, and gave out the boat. A large car drove up, was ignored, and drove off again downstream towards Marzetta Island. Two men sharpening huge pencils on the fifth floor of a freightage office exchanged a smile, as three knocked fell on the window. Outside, at the top of the ladder, climbed down, and ran quickly into a cafe, where a meeting was being addressed. They left without a word.

Predrag: I don't see the point. Myself: Do you expect me to give the plot away at once?

Without comment

THERE is a famous old street in York called The Shambles. The North-Eastern Region of British Railways has taken over a butcher's shop in this street, and decorated it with dummy carcasses and a board's head. In this old-world setting, says my paper, "an information bureau has been opened."

YOUR BIRTHDAY

By STELLA

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

BORN today, your very versatility of talent and your fluidity of temperament make you a difficult person to understand. Your nature is filled with contradictions. You must be recognised if you are to have a real success of your life. Sometimes you are involved in so many different things at the same time that nothing seems to bring real success. Asked to do anything, you do it competently. To make your star of good fortune shine brightly and stand out in the heavens, concentrate on a single objective.

Although instinctively artistic, in your tastes, you are good at figures and might make an expert mathematician. You dislike letting anyone know you are sensitive and will cover up with bluster and bluntness. Self-confident, you seem to lack aggressiveness and will patiently wait around for someone

thing to turn up. It usually does. But it might come more quickly if you'd go out looking for it. Stop worrying about what might happen. It rarely ever does. Be frank and direct if you need help. Co-operation is one of the best methods of getting a job done quickly.

You have strong emotions and are very affectionate, loving your home and family extravagantly. But you never show it. You say the appearance of being cool and aloof. If you persist in this attitude, you may miss out on romance. And that could bring you great discontent for to be happily married and have your own family about you is one of your dearest desires.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

SAINTS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—A day of pleasant, unexpected attention may come your way. Accept it graciously. You are a good person.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—This is a good day for you. If you are a good person, you will be a good person. You are a good person.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—This is a good day for you. If you are a good person, you will be a good person. You are a good person.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Get to work on finishing up old jobs. The new year will be calling for new projects.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—This is a difficult day for you. If you are a good person, you will be a good person. You are a good person.

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 21)—If relatives are proving difficult, show them a little love. It will be to keep the peace.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Either invite friends to your house or pay a call on a neighbour. You will find it enjoyable.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—If a proposition is offered that looks too good to be true, investigate it carefully.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Avoid getting into crowds if you can. This means being up early to find that shopping.

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LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—You can prevent a family argument if you will stay calm. The better you are, the better you are.

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WOMANSENSE



TOYS ARE HIS TEACHER

TOYS are considered of great educational value to a child today. So select your Christmas gifts carefully. A Child Psychologist here offers a few points for your guidance: By G. C. MYERS, Ph.D.

Moreover, there are some good toys with which younger children gain much in nearly all the foregoing implied ways, while playing alone. Nevertheless, most good toys enjoyed by a tot two or three alone may also be enjoyed often by him later with playmates. Good examples are dominoes and simple blocks of various dimensions, several of

which are good for muscular development. If he noticeably lacks in muscular development and coordination, equipment for muscular exercise should be chosen. Without increasing your toy budget you can put into your child's hands carefully selected toys that encourage concentration and carefulness of property and truly educate this child physically, mentally, socially and morally, and while

he will enjoy them. Here let me, caution parents against giving a child trail toys, since they discourage him to handle them carefully and encourage him to be destructive. A few carefully-chosen toys are better than a ton of trash. Richer than a king is a child with a few good toys. Why not choose toys intelligently?

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BOOKS

Include some good books. The advisers in good book stores and divisions of department stores will be glad to show you some of the best recent books. Your local librarian will be happy to show you some of the best among the latest books and some of the best of the ages. There are many books that have stood the test of time.

WISDOM

Parents of children

are already thinking

of the toys and playthings

they will purchase for their

children for Christmas.

They are going to select

playthings with a purpose,

knowing that what the

child from his early years

plays with has a great deal

to do with his education and

character development.

POINTS TO CONSIDER

They are going to ask themselves such questions as these: Is the toy suited to the child's age?

Can he use it himself? For how many months or years will he enjoy it? Is it sturdy? Is it safe? Will it further the youngster's muscular growth and finer co-ordinations? Will it foster play with other children? Will it train him in reasoning? Will it stimulate him to create? Will it give him pleasure in achievement? Will it afford him fun through imitation of adult experiences? AGE. Of course, not every toy

may be strong in all these purposes. The child under two, for example, does not incline to play with other children as freely as does the child over four or five.

Male Anguish

DR EDITH SUMMERSKILL is presenting an important Private Member's Bill for women. It is a Bill to remedy certain legal disabilities of women.

It will cause some male anguish and strong feelings in even the mildest of women.

Two important points that will probably be included: "Housewives should have a legal right to a proportion of their husbands' earnings" and "Wives should have a legal share in the home."

Dr. Edith will be compiling the Bill with the help of several women lawyers. But they will undoubtedly welcome ideas from housewives and career women alike.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Merlin's Magic Car

—It's Just About as Big as a Match Box—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, were wondering whether they ought to take a long walk down the hill and across the Pine Tree Grove and over the field and around the pond to visit the new home of their friend Blinky Mole.

They had just about decided that it was much too far to walk in one afternoon, when they suddenly heard someone behind them saying: "Why don't you ride, then?"

Knarf and Hanid looked around in surprise. It was Mr. Merlin the Magician dressed in a bright red suit with a red derby hat and a cane.

Going by Car

Mr. Merlin stopped, took off his hat and said: "I was thinking of visiting Blinky myself, but I was going by car."

"Car?" exclaimed Knarf.

"Have you got a car Mr. Merlin?" said Hanid.

It was Mr. Merlin's turn to look surprised. "You don't think I'd be without a car, do you?"

How do you suppose I get from one place to the other?"

Hanid was about to say: "By walking, Mr. Merlin"—but at that instant Mr. Merlin did something so curious that Hanid could only watch in amazement.

He walked over to an elm tree close by, tapped on it lightly with his cane, and said: "My car please."

Immediately a wide door opened up in the trunk of the tree. To the astonishment of Knarf and Hanid, they saw that it was a garage, filled with a dozen or more cars, each about the size of a matchbox. Several beetles and mice, dressed in overalls, were darting

Handsome Red Car

At this, one of the beetles sprang into a handsome red car, started up the motor and drove the car roaring out of the garage.

"There you are, sir," he said to Mr. Merlin. "Are you going on a long trip?"

"Yes," said Mr. Merlin, "all the way to the other side of the pond. Step right in," Mr. Merlin said, turning to Knarf and Hanid.

"Oh, it's too small for us!" cried Knarf.

"Nonsense," said Mr. Merlin, "it's big enough for me, it's big enough for you." He waved his cane as he said these words.

Knarf and Hanid suddenly felt themselves sinking down to the size of small match sticks. They stepped into the car at once. Mr. Merlin sat at the wheel. He blew the horn cheerfully, and away they went.

Now you may not know (Knarf and Hanid didn't) that there are tiny roads that run across all the fields and meadows and hills and groves and are used only by the small creatures.

When you are large, you don't even notice these roads. They are hidden by the blades of grass, the clumps of clover, the shrubs and the bushes. But if you are as small as a cricket or a grasshopper, you have no trouble seeing them at all, nor of walking along them, nor of riding along them in a car.

All Sorts of Towns

For Knarf and Hanid, riding in Mr. Merlin's car, it was a wonderful trip. The blades of grass arched high over their heads and made the road shady. They passed all sorts of towns and villages—Ant Town, Grasshopper Village, Beetle Village, Cricket Town. They passed road-side stands in which snails and mice served corn hamburgers and rosebud lemonade.

They passed traffic signals: "Just look," shouted Knarf. "There's a red light!"

The red light was made by a red apple. There were green lights, too. They were made by green cucumbers. The caution lights were made by yellow squash.

Finally they reached Blinky Mole's. He was sitting on his back doorstep wearing his dark glasses and smoking a long clay pipe.

Mr. Merlin offered to take him for a car ride, too, but Blinky just smiled and said: "No, thank you. I just enjoy sitting and watching. Besides," he added, "somebody has to stay home. If everyone went on car trips, who would there ever be to visit?"

Even Mr. Merlin couldn't answer that!



"I was going by car," Mr. Merlin said.

CARD SENSE

Q. The bidding has been North-South. East-South. You, South, hold Spades A-J-9-4, Hearts K-Q-9, Diamonds J-3-2, Clubs A-K-10. What do you do?

A—Bid two spades. The jump response shows a hand that contains high cards in excess of a minimum opening notrump bid—or could indicate an attempt to make up for lesser strength in high cards. This hand is too good for a response of three notrump.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question above. You, South, hold Spades A-J-9-4-2, Hearts K-Q, Diamonds K-3-9, Clubs A-K-10. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

BARBS

By HAL COCHRAN

IT'S usually useless to bother disputing the man who admits he is a failure.

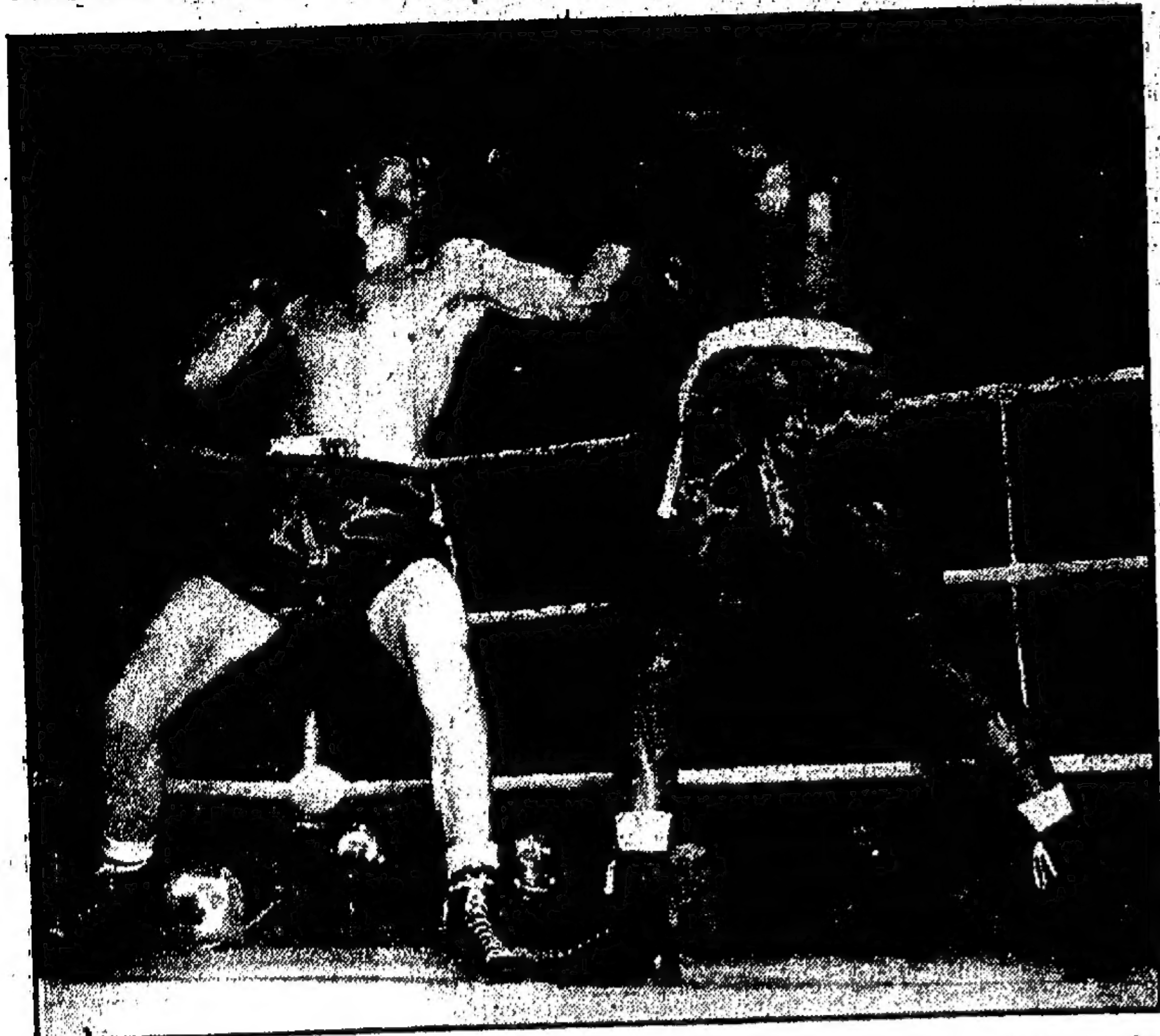
Chicago bandits suppressed one racket when they held up a jazz band and swiped all the instruments.

The best way to dig your way out of most of your worries is to dig in.

Dads who want to be heroes with their sons had best not help them with their home work.

INTELLIGENCE TEST

McGOVERN TAKES ONE ON THE NOSE



Allan Tanner, the coloured boxer from British Guiana, lands a left to the nose of Tommy McGovern during their fight at the Royal Albert Hall on December 11. McGovern, the British Lightweight Champion, won on points.

Royal Navy Pull Off A Surprise In Memorial Cup Competition

By "SPIV"

The 1951-1952 Memorial Cup soccer competition opened yesterday at the Navy Ground, Causeway Bay, before a small crowd with a major surprise. Still to score a win in the League, Royal Navy struck their best form of the season to eliminate Royal Air Force by four goals to nil. The sailors played superior football throughout and fully deserved their win.

The current competition was originally known as the Lal and Wash Cup tournament before the war. With the loss of the original trophy during the war, a new Cup was procured, and named the Memorial Cup in memory of those who died during the war.

Army became the first post-war winners in 1947. In 1948 and 1949 the Cup went to the Combined Chinese, and last year, the Combined Chinese were split up into the Hongkong Chinese and the Kowloon Chinese, thus making it six teams for the competition—the other four being Army, Navy, Royal Air Force and the Non-Chinese Civilians.

Last year the trophy was won by the Kowloon Chinese, who have been drawn to meet their Hongkong counterpart in the second round this year.

In the other half are Army and the Non-Chinese Civilians, the winners of whom will now play Navy.

In their victory yesterday, Navy displayed a more thrustful, speedy and cohesive forward line and sounder defence than the Air Force who gave a disappointing performance.

The return of Watson to the Colony reinforced the sailors at goal. Cool and steady, Watson handled the ball confidently during the few times that he was called upon.

Among the steady Navy defence, outstanding were Coates, Keir and Laishley.

In the forward line centre-forward McCarthy led his speedy forward line well, performing the hat-trick himself. Mattocks at left wing was a constant source of danger to the Air Force throughout the game.

The Air Force were without the services of their regular inter-club goalkeeper, Gamman, who was, however, ably substituted by Lafferty. But for him, the score would have easily been doubled. The forwards were their weakest link, making little headway with their individual hit and run tactics.

THE GOALS
Navy opened the scoring in the 14th minute of play, when their left-wing Mattocks cut in, took the ball within five yards of the goalmouth and gave the goalkeeper no chance with a rasping drive.

The Air Force missed a glorious opportunity of equalising before the interval when Hayhoe, with only the goalkeeper to beat, shot wide. At the interval the Navy led by 1-0.

Two minutes after the resumption, the sailors scored their second goal after a good save by the RAF goalie at almost point blank range.

Swarming back into the attack, centre-forward McCarthy cent in a ground drive from about 20 yards. The ball struck off the opposing centre-half and rolled into the corner of the net.

Five minutes later, the sailors increased their lead through McCarthy who beat the goalie to a long lob by his right-half, and pushed the ball into the open goal.

Just before the end, left-wing Mattocks worked the ball up to the goal-line, and centred it low across to McCarthy, who nicely trapped it and easily passed Lafferty, with a rising shot. The final whistle blew with Navy the winners by 4-0.

THE TEAMS
Royal Navy: Watson, Pinder, Jones, Coates, Keir, Blava, Paddy, McCarthy, Kenny and Mattocks.

RAF: Lafferty, Lobb, Barnicle, Barnes, Brydson, Jackson, MacGregor, England, Dalziel and Hayhoe.

OLD COMRADES' CUP
On "Sunday", the Hongkong Football Club will play the Middlesex Regiment in their annual soccer match for the Old Comrades' Challenge Cup, which was donated by Messrs Watson & Co. Ltd. to perpetuate the friendship which was first started in 1937 between the Middlesex and the Club.

The game, which will be played at Happy Valley, will start at 4 p.m.

The first game for this Cup was played at Sanwal Camp in 1940 and resulted in a win for the Club by three goals to two. Since then, there has been no further game, as the Middlesex were transferred to Korea.

After the match on Sunday, there will be a steak and chip supper in the Clubhouse.

The following will represent the Club: Taylor, Jackson, Strange, McDowell, Baker, Lobb, Kenny, Pinder, Blava, Jones, Coates, Keir, and Laishley.

"GRANDSTAND" Agrees:

RAZZING WITHIN LIMITS IS TOLERATED IN THE GAME OF SOFTBALL

Softball being derived from the older game of baseball, razzing within reasonable limits is tolerated as otherwise the game will deteriorate into a routine and monotonous pastime, and in certain instances subtle umpire-baiting is even allowed, but behaviour contrary to all decency on the playing field, whether it be during or after the game, cannot be ignored.

Followers of this sport are in complete agreement with the punishment of suspension meted out to the Wildfires for their recent misbehaviour on the field in which every conceivable tactic was utilised to stall for time, and when the game was called off by the umpire, further abuse was heaped on this official.

Certain misguided players often mistake unwarranted aggressiveness as "colour" and it is hoped that their erring ways will be corrected by the mild chastisement, and unless the penalty is taken in good grace, further steps should be taken to prevent a recurrence, even to the extent of barring the offenders from further participation in the League.

A brief mention of the incident in this column last week, referred to in language, to put it very mildly, being used during the game, and the manager of the team concerned has now pointed out that this happened after the game.

NOT MINIMISED

The umpire's report lodged with the Association confirms his statement, but this should not in any way minimise the seriousness of the incident, which is fully reported by the Chairman of the Junior League Sub-Committee.

This popular game, having progressed in a few years from an ordinary Sunday morning exercise into a well organised League enjoyed by a great number of fans, must be protected from being sabotaged by a few irresponsible players, and the Association is quite right in adopting a firm attitude.

Another improper practice of roping in players from

another team when a decision is at stake occurred last week, and although this is only a technical infringement of the rules, winning a game should be through the efforts of recognised methods.

The Warriors, holding the runners-up slot in the "B" Division, fielded two players from the Red Sox, also of the same League, and managed to breeze through to an 18-0 shut-out against the Americans.

Whether the Americans will, or will not, appeal against the unfairness of the deal is not, as it may seem, their own affair, for there is the danger of a precedent being created with resultant chaos.

It is understood that the Americans are not lodging an official appeal, and it will be interesting to note the reactions of the responsible officials.

FULL OF INCIDENTS

Last week was full of incidents. Mentor Buster Holland of the Madcaps failed to obtain satisfaction from Umpire Frank Ewing in a call in which Alec Braga was thumped out at the box.

Apparently arbiter Ewins threw the interference rule on Braga, who appeared to have hindered hindsmatcher Harry Louie from fielding a pop-fly, but Holland's registered a protest on the call.

The time limit for a formal protest in writing having expired, it is not anticipated that the matter will be followed up.

The Gutierrez brothers, Manuel and Antonio, who contributed much to the Blackhawk's success last year, are back in town for a brief vacation after spending a term Down Under in the Riverside Institute of learning.

Much as they desire to turn out for the old gang, the residential clause of the League Rules bars that. Nevertheless, the brothers are still keen as mustard on the game, although they have switched to the heavier game of baseball in their newly found alma mater.

The Madcaps, who are still hot on the pennant trail, will miss Grahame Crookdale's heavy willow with his departure on furlough this afternoon.

Grahame has come through on several occasions in a pinch-hitting role, but last week disappointed fans when he failed to connect for a single safe-hit in three times at bat.

Preparations for the annual classic between the members of the Council and the Ladies on New Year's Day, are in the hands of live-wire Alec Braga and G. Gloria Sequiera, who are a seasoned couple. Previous affairs have been in fancy attire, but we wonder what is being cooked up this year?

LEAGUE STANDINGS

The latest league standings follow:

Senior "A" Division	Won	Lost	Points
Jaguars	4	0	8
St. Joseph's	3	1	6
Pandas	2	2	4
Madcaps	2	2	4
Overses	1	3	2
Braves	1	3	2
South China	0	4	0

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ON THE RECORD Let Us All Get Idealistic

The Olympic Sub-Committee of the Hongkong Amateur Sports Federation will, having looked over the final nominations from the various associations and counted the cash in the kitty, finally select those to go to the Olympic Games at Helsinki next year.

However, it seems reasonable enough that a lot of people should be on the Sub-Committee who are not.

To begin with, not yet on it are the representatives of the Hongkong 190 - Metro Sprint Association, the Hongkong Long Jumping With Weights Association, the Hongkong Discus Throwing (Greek Style) Association, the Hongkong Javelin Throwing Association, the Hongkong Greco-Roman Wrestling Association, the Hongkong Roman Boxing Association and the Hongkong Chariot Racing Association.

None of these Associations has yet been formed, but to remain in spirit with what the Games originally stood for, these torch-bearing votes should exist and if the Associations named are formed and come forward, they can hardly be refused a vote. After all, these were the original games that made up the Olympics.

All these Associations could be formed with a certain amount of enterprise. Even chariot races can be brought into being. Disgruntled punters could pick out the ponies for it if the Hongkong Jockey Club and the owners are willing. The Jockey Club could claim a controlling interest in this vote on the Olympic Committee.

The Olympic Games today include athletics, wrestling, boxing, swimming, football, water polo, field hockey, yachting, equestrianism, rowing, shooting, basketball, the Modern Pentathlon and canoeing, listed here, more or less, in their traditional order of importance.

A representative of the Hongkong Amateur Track and Field Association should traditionally head our local Committee and the HKATFA, with the weight of tradition behind them, in a position to kick up a rumpus about this and gain some support. The Royal Hongkong Yacht Club and the Hongkong Rifle Association are two existing bodies that could claim seats on the Committee and it would be against every concept of the Olympic ideal to turn them down. The Amateur Sports Federation could, of course, impose a handsome fine on either body for late application for membership should these applications come in.

There are two clubs in this Colony which go in for rowing—the Yacht Club and the VRC—and that would make it 1½ votes for our yachting supporters and 2½ for our swimming supporters (as the Swimming Association also control water polo and have their finger as well in the rowing pie).

This makes it 21 associations in all that should have seats on the Olympic Committee and that would leave the Hongkong Football Association in a bit of a quandary.

However, let it never be said that football (soccer football that is) has not done much towards the Olympic Fund and the Federation's gratitude towards the HKFA could best be expressed by granting gratuity votes at the rate of one vote for every HK\$1,000 donated to the Olympic Fund.

Such a gratuity votes would solve a lot of problems, among these the most important one, which is fund-raising.

There isn't a justifiable reason from the point of view of the traditional concept of the Olympic Games why badminton, cricket, golf, lawn tennis, rugby, softball, squash rackets and other sports should have a greater vote on the Olympic Committee.

However, if the Hongkong Badminton Association contributed HK\$3,000 to the Olympic Fund, they should have three gratuity votes, which would be three times as many as the Hongkong Chariot Racing Association (not yet formed) would have.

It is very doubtful that the Chariot Racing Association would be allowed to perform anywhere, but in the New Territories, and that would make it difficult for them to attract crowds and raise funds.

Real Roman chariots would make a mess of the Happy Valley.

Rugger Results

The following were the results of Rugby Union games played today:

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race course and the Stewards could hardly be expected to permit that.

The Winter Games should not be brought into the Committee for several reasons, among these the current shortage of water in the Colony, which would raise considerable problems in the demand for the same for ice-rinks and snow-covered hill slopes.

The Hockey Association could, perhaps, be in favour of including the Winter Games, which would give them an extra vote if they claimed jurisdiction over local ice hockey.

However, the Gymnastic Association could claim jurisdiction over figure skating, skiing, etc., and there could be such a wrangle over it all that the Football Association would have to throw in thousands of dollars for gratuity votes if they wish to send a team to the Games. So the Winter Games should best be forgotten.

But should 21 associations come to sit on the Olympic Committee, it would be necessary to send at least seven officials to the Games to keep everyone satisfied. That nobody wants to do.

So, while admitting that the above analysis of who should be on the Olympic Committee does not really deserve any very serious consideration, there is up the question of who should go to the Games.

The answer is a simple one—as many as the funds that will be available can send.

There is some argument about that Hongkong should not send any team to the Games because the whole world at Helsinki, they think, will turn around and jeer at little Hongkong for not collecting any medals.

Imagine the scene. Swarthy Egyptians and hunched Lebanese, sombered Mexicans and celloping Trinidadians all laughing at Hongkong. They wouldn't have the time for that even if they felt that way while shopping for Finnish postcards to send home.

Outside of some friends from the Philippines, India, Sweden and Denmark, who have met our sportsmen in international events, nobody will care a pin at Helsinki if we don't even win a heat.

But the hosts and the Olympic Association will welcome the fact that we have joined in the spirit of the Games with a will and, curiously enough, it has been an accepted fact from time immemorial that if someone wins and doesn't run all alone, there must also be one or more losers.

"RECORDER"

New Appeal To East Germans To Team Up

Munich, Dec. 19.

The Chairman of the West German Olympic Committee, Dr. Karl von Halt, has sent a new appeal to the East German Olympic Committee for forming an all-German Olympic team. It was learned here tonight.

In a letter to the East German Olympic Committee's Chairman, Herr Kurt Edel, Dr. von Halt reiterated his readiness to accept East German sportsmen into the Olympic team on the basis of their performance.

He asked Herr Edel to inform East German sportsmen that they are invited to participate in all West German elimination contests.

The West German Olympic Committee has been recognised by the International Olympic Committee, which decided that West German Committees should assume responsibility for putting up an all-German team, including East Germans, but negotiations between the two German committees broke down on December 8.

Since then winter sportsmen, swimmers and footballers have taken the initiative towards collaboration between the East and West German associations.

The West German Minor Sports Association has invited members of the East German Winter Sports Association to participate in its 25th anniversary.

The West German Swimming Association has invited members of the East German Swimming Association to participate in its 25th anniversary.

Representatives of a German football team in East and West Germany have met in Berlin to discuss the possibility of forming an all-German team.

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Swiss To Spend 30 Million Francs On Stadiums

Zurich, Dec. 19.

Switzerland is to spend about 30 million francs on enlarging their stadiums for the 1954 World Football Championship.

This figure was given in a report by M. Ernest Thommen, of Switzerland, Chairman of the Organizing Committee which ended its two-day meeting here today.

M. Thommen said that Bern, Lausanne and Zurich would have stadiums capable of holding 35,000, 32,000 and 60,000 spectators, while 22,000 could be accommodated at Basel, 20,000 at Gaters and 25,000 at Lugano.

The Committee decided that 24 matches will be played in the championship, 12 in Switzerland and 12 in Germany.

TODAY'S SPORT

More than 100,000 people are expected to see the football match between the Swiss and the Germans at the St. Jakob Stadium in Basel today.

The match will start at 2 p.m.

The Swiss are the favorites to win.

The Germans are the underdogs.

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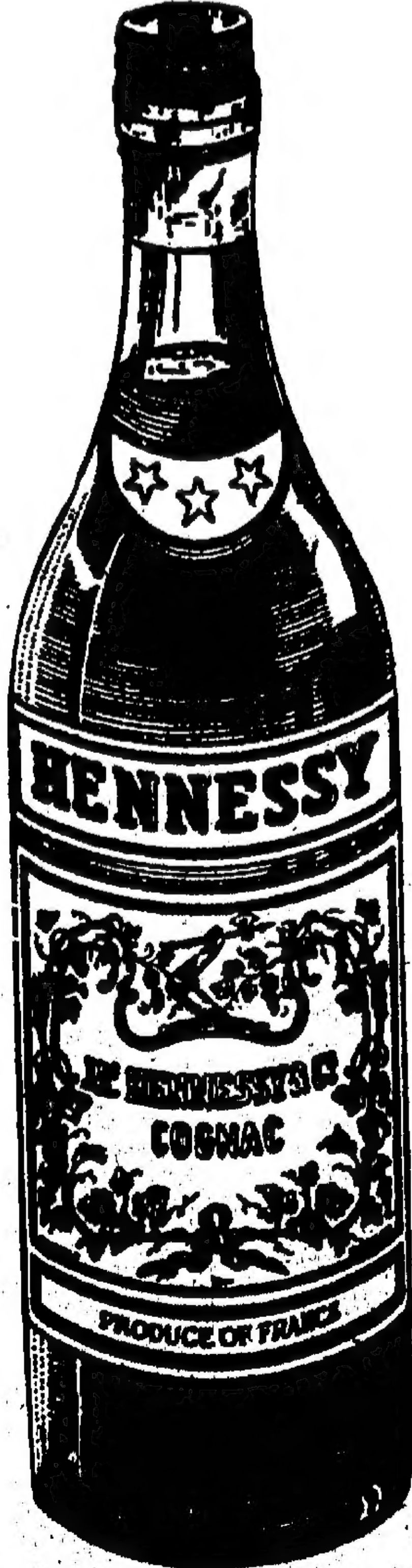
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3. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the godowns, and all goods remaining and delivered after the 22nd December, 1951, will be subject to rent.

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5. No Fire Insurance will be effected.

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CHIEF MESSENGERS MARITIME

Hongkong 17th December 1951

French Hope For End To Indo-China War Next Year

Paris, Dec. 19.

The free world's fight against the Communists in the Indo-Chinese breadbasket of South-eastern Asia enters its sixth year today, and the French hope this is the final year of the longest continuous military operation in history involving troops in the Far East.

French and Vietnamese troops are pounding the Communist-led Vietnamese rebels with automatic weapons, self-propelled artillery and American bullets and planes. During the past three months, the final enemy has been routed from strategic outposts like Nghia Lo, Choben and Hu Binh. Confident French Union campaigners are now waiting for what may be the Communists' last attempt to regain control of the vital Black River, gateway to Southern Vietnam.

One year ago, the French openly admitted that they were fighting a losing war. Faced with an enemy superior in numbers and equipment, supplies from Red China were used to equip the French and Vietnamese forces were being forced back step by step before the hordes of the Moscow-trained Ho Chi Minh.

The picture has changed radically since those bitter days. And unless Red China commits her manpower to Vietnam after a Korean settlement, 1952 looks like a showdown year.

One reason is General Jean de Latre de Tassigny, commandant of the French-Vietnamese forces in the United States (Lt. 2d Lt.). Earlier this year General de Latre waved the magic wand of able leadership over his tough Senegalese, French Foreign Legionnaires, conscripted Frenchmen and the Vietnamese force. With dramatic success, he gave his discouraged troops their first taste of victory and new confidence.

Last autumn, General de Latre shifted his strategy from the field of battle to the field of

Passengers Felt Worse

New York, Dec. 19. In Chicago, where they have the highest train and bus fares in the United States (2d class), the Transit Authority tried a new "laugh a day" campaign with jokes printed on the backs of the tickets. Sample: "Boss: Going anywhere for dinner tonight? Secretary: No, sir. Boss: Well, you'll be pretty hungry tomorrow morning then. Drivers: asked to report on the success of these quips, said: "The people seemed to feel worse after they'd read the jokes."

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"CORFU"	20th December	21st January
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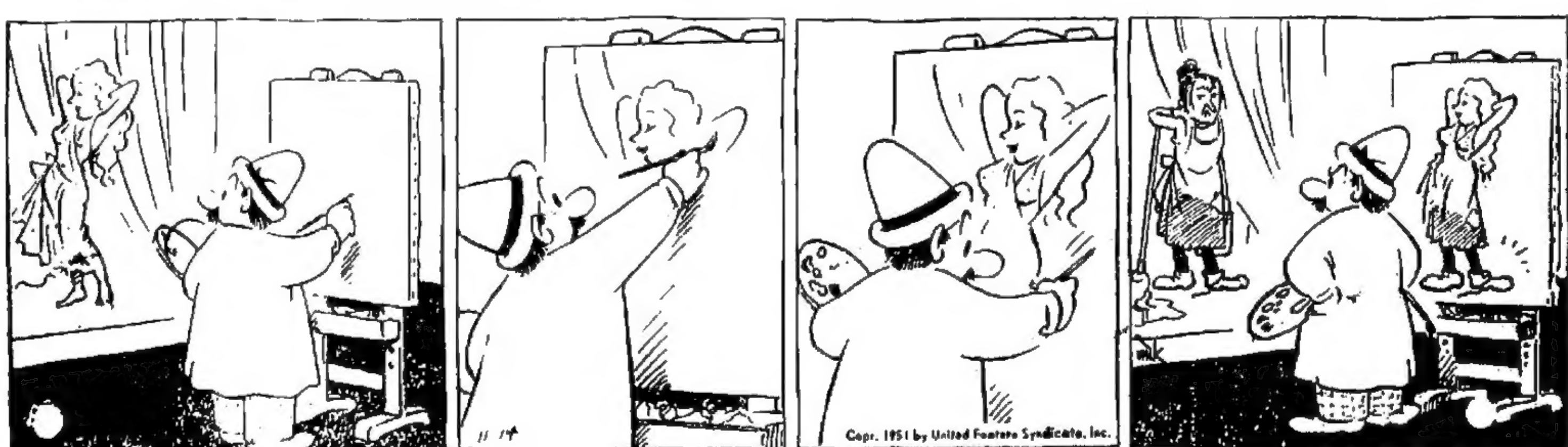
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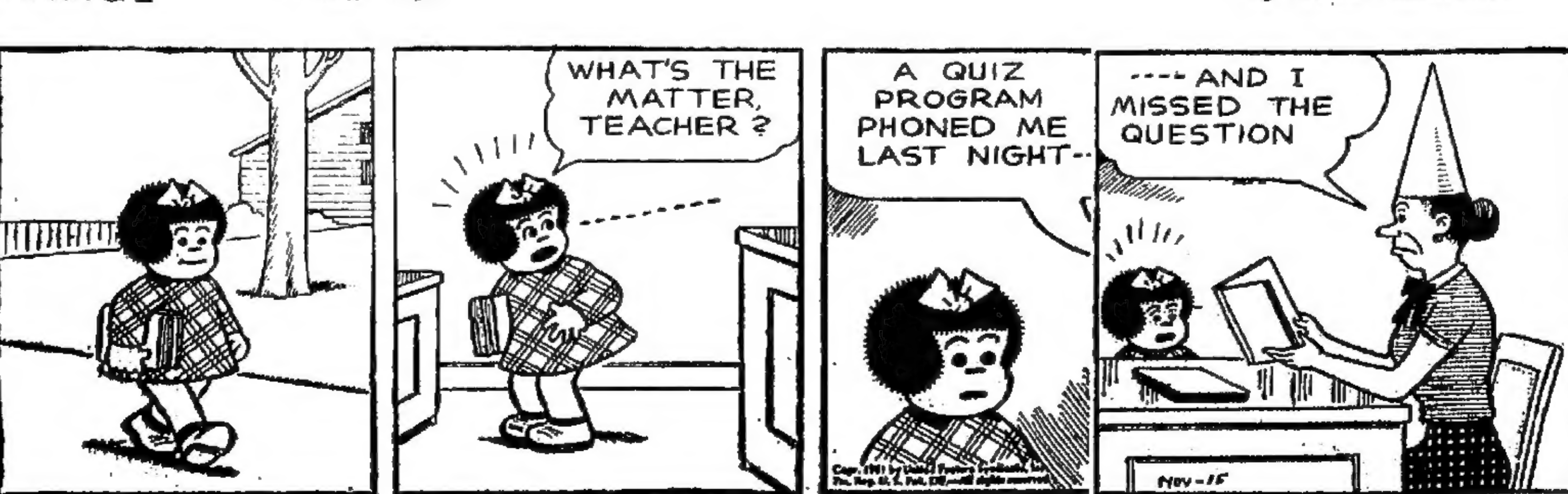
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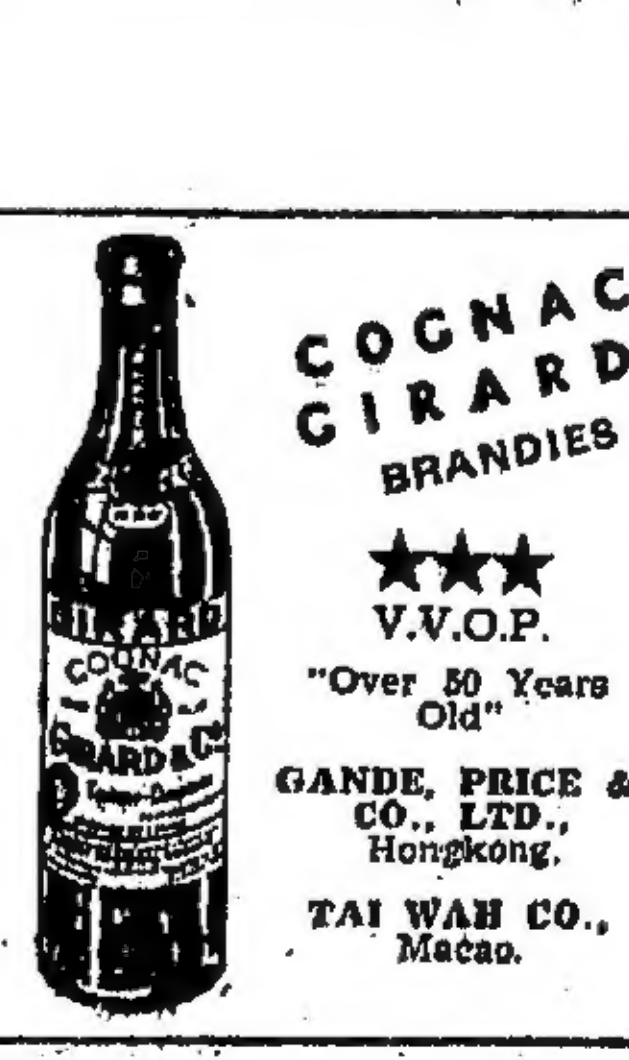
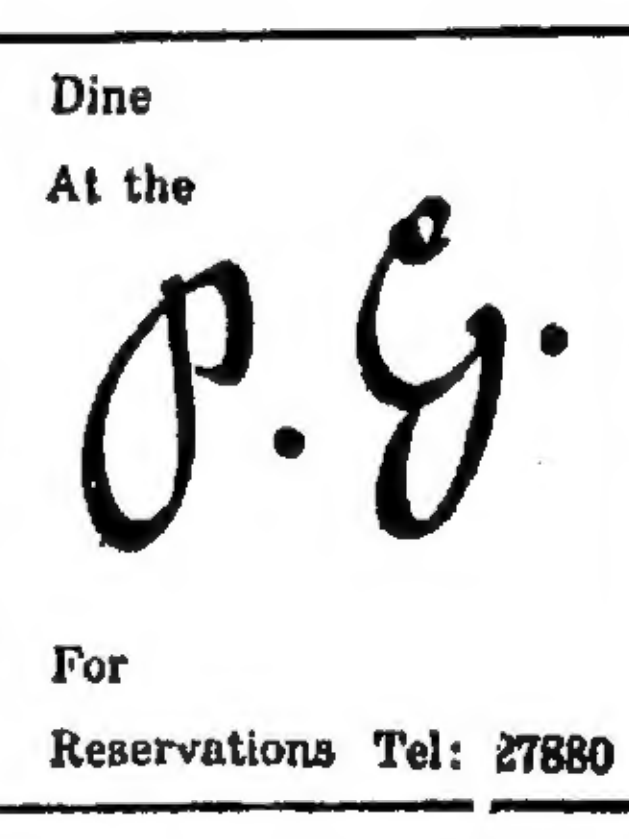
Wrong Dope

By Ernie Bushmiller



JOHNNY HAZARD

By Frank Robbins



SIR GARNET IS NOW "GEORGE"

Toronto, Dec. 19. In six months Sir Garnet Wolsley, 38-year-old baronet, has progressed from a £10-a-week cobbler at Wallasey, Cheshire, to a £30-a-week sheet metal worker at Brantford, Ontario.

He has changed Sir Garnet to plain "George" and likes the change in job and name.

Lady Wolsley, former Liverpool telephone girl, said to-night how much they liked Canada, even though she is out of a job.

Said she: "I've never known George so happy. All summer he worked with the Parks Commission; he loved being out of doors."

"So much so, he played cricket and even at 38, tried Soccer. But he found them too rough—they play the man, not the ball."

"It's a dirty, greasy job he has now but it brings in good money, and once I get working again we should save fast to buy a house."

"Here you can see way ahead. The more you work the more you earn, and you can see your way clear to get ahead."

"Every week we get letters from Britain asking about the prospects. George tells them if they have a trade, by all means come. If not, stay at home."

"That sums it up, Canada's a great country with a great future."

Bridge Flier 'Suspended'

London, Dec. 19. Mr. Frank Miller, who flew under Tower Bridge with his 18-year-old son Geoffrey, has been suspended for three months from flying any plane owned by Denham Flying Club.

No summons has been served on Mr. Miller in connection with his flight.

MESSAGERIES MARITIMES



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"LA MARSEILLAISE"	Jan. 12	Jan. 13	Manila, Yokohama & Kobe
"MEINAM"	Feb. 9	Feb. 15	Saigon
			<u>Homebound For</u>
"BASTIA"	Jan. 5	Jan. 6	N. Africa & Europe
"LA MARSEILLAISE"	Jan. 11	Jan. 13	Marseilles via Manila & Saigon
"BIR HAKIM"	Jan. 21	Jan. 22	N. Africa & Europe
"MORTAIN"	Feb. 29	Mar. 1	N. Africa & Europe

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Senators Predict Reductions In Foreign Aid Funds

Washington, Dec. 19.

Two Senate Appropriations Committee members predicted today that Congress will cut down on foreign aid spending next year.

President Truman is reported to have been urged by some of his advisers to seek more than the \$8,500,000,000 in international assistance funds he requested in the last budget. Congress actually voted only \$7,483,000,000.

Senator Guy C. (Oregon Republican) told a reporter he believed expenditures abroad will be cut below initial appropriations for 1951.

"We have got to continue to put up the money necessary to keep the Western European defense programme going," he said, "but there is no room for purely economic aid to those nations."

Senator Harley M. Kilgore (West Virginia Democrat) said in a separate interview that he favors increasing the amount of economic aid in some cases, but added he does not believe Congress will approve as big an overall outlay as was voted for the current fiscal year ending June 30.

Recently Administration officials have indicated they hope to put more emphasis on efforts to build up Western Europe's defense production capacity, so that more finished military items could be turned out there instead of being built in the United States.

Mr. Kilgore would support such a move. But he thinks that is regarded as purely economic aid would strengthen some countries even more than direct military aid.

MUCH CRITICISM

As an example, Mr. Kilgore said that money spent helping Spain develop water power resources would cut that country's imports of coal, strengthen it economically and leave that much more coal available for members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO).

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Most returning senators and House members have expressed criticism of what they have called a lag on the part of some nations in efforts to erect their own defenses. The legislators have made it plain that unless there is a marked change in this attitude, their inclination will be to cut, rather than increase, American contributions.

Any effort to cut down on foreign aid spending—always less popular than domestic military outlays—will be without the vigorous services of the late Senator Kenneth S. Wherry of Nebraska, the GOP floor leader.

Mr. Wherry consistently supported efforts to trim foreign spending.

Senator Stettin (Nebraska Republican), taking Mr. Wherry's lead, told a reporter he will vote for any reasonable foreign aid programme. Mr. Wherry's leadership 1951 will be filled by a vote of all Republican senators early next month.

"I don't want us to be throwing hundreds of millions of dollars all over the world, but I believe that we must give enough help to friendly and co-operative nations abroad so that reasonable defenses can be built against a possible Russian move," Mr. Stettin said.—Associated Press.

WHEAT FOR JORDAN

Washington, Dec. 19. The United States agreed yesterday to ship 9,000 tons of wheat to Hashim bin Jordan to help meet a serious food shortage in the Middle East country.

The United States will pay for the cost of the wheat and shipping, about \$1,400,000. The money will come from the \$7,483,000,000 foreign aid programme approved by Congress.

New York, Dec. 19. Copra was quoted today at 11.75 cents a pound nominal. Coconut oil was quoted at 11.4 cents a pound nominal.—United Press.

Jobs, Pounds, Dollars At Stake In Jungle War

WHAT MALAYA MEANS TO GREAT BRITAIN

Singapore, Dec. 18.

There is so much at stake in Malaya that every British home would feel the pinch sooner or later if Mr. Lyttelton's mission should fail—which is unthinkable.

Because failure to crush, quickly and finally, the comparatively small band of alien Chinese guerillas, wrongly calling themselves "The People's Liberation Army," could encourage a Communist Power like Red China to join in the struggle once it feels strong enough, and make Malaya into an international battlefield.

Corn Only Bright Spot In Grains

Chicago, Dec. 19. The weather provided inspiration for buying in corn on the Board of Trade today, and soybeans went along with a slight advance in the yellow grain but the rest of the market was rather weak, particularly toward the close.

More snow and cold were on the way for the mid-West and traders interpreted it as meaning more feeding of livestock on farms. Oats, however, were not able to rise with corn, partly because more Canadian oats arrived here.

Wheat was erratic. The 1952 crop, winter wheat, contracts were quiet, eased toward the close, selling ahead to the nearby delivery, also. An agricultural Department report on 1952 wheat was expected after the close.

What closed 3 1/2 to 1 3/4 lower. Corn was 3/4 lower to 1/2 higher. Oats were 3/4 lower to 1/2 higher. Rye was 3/4 to 2 cents lower. Soybeans were 1/4 lower to 1/2 higher.

Wheat
December \$2.39 1/2
March \$2.61 1/2
May \$2.58 1/2
July \$2.49 1/2
September \$2.50 1/2
Soybeans
January \$3.01 1/2
March \$3.00 1/2
May \$2.98 1/2
July \$2.97 1/2
September \$2.97 1/2
Soybean Oil
January \$2.97 1/2
March \$2.97 1/2
May \$2.97 1/2
July \$2.97 1/2
September \$2.97 1/2

Salvage Plan Deadlocked

Manila, Dec. 19.

A conference called by the Secretary of Commerce, Cornelio T. Balmaceda, to adopt a procedure for the salvage of sunken vessels in Philippine waters was deadlocked on whether to (1) Employ Japanese technicians and labourers whose services shall be secured under government arrangement of credit to be applied to the reparations claim of the Philippines against Japan, and (2) Submit salvage work to public bidding under terms and conditions most advantageous to the Philippine Government.

Under the second plan Philippine waters would be divided into eight zones each covered by a separate bidder. The Government secured jurisdiction over these sunken vessels when the Philippine Alien Property Administration transferred its rights over them.—Francis-Prese.

BONDS IN U.S. UNSETTLED

New York, Dec. 19. Government bonds dropped to new yearly lows today, apparently unsettled by an increase in interest rates on commercial loans.

Losses of up to half a point were taken by the U.S. generally. Some issues closed up about 2/32 from the day's lows.

Corporate bonds were irregularly lower in the heaviest trading in nearly two weeks. Changes for the most part were narrow. Japanese loans were mixed in the foreign dollar section.—Associated Press.

New York Sugar Futures

New York, Dec. 19. Domestic sugar futures No. 6 closed unchanged to 2 higher. Sales 40 contracts.

March	5.33 bid
May	5.30 bid
July	5.30 bid

World sugar futures No. 4 closed 1 to 4 higher. Sales 59 contracts.

January	4.93 nominal
March	4.90
May	4.70 bid
July	4.70
September	4.70 bid

Raw sugar spot 5.79.—Associated Press.

TEXTILE MARKET

New York, Dec. 19. The Worth Street textile market was quiet today. There were only scattered sales of print cloth and sheeting mostly for prompt delivery.

In wool goods, a little better interest in woolen types of cloth was the only feature. Rayon goods were dull.—Associated Press.

BANK QUOTATIONS

New York, Dec. 19. Bank closing quotations: Bank of America 37 1/2, Chase National Bank 38 1/2, National City Bank 38 1/2.—Associated Press.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

There was still a good volume of business on the Stock Exchange this morning, share-changing hands being valued at \$657,161.50. Noon rates and the morning's transactions:

SHARE BUYERS SELLERS SALES

BANKS				
HK Bank	1410	1623	46	@ 1623
East Asia	134			
INSURANCES				
Union	77 1/2	5.26	5.40	1500 @ 5.30
Underwriters	145			200 @ 150
HK Fire	145			200 @ 150
SHIPPING				
Asia Nav	110	1.02		
DOCKERS, ETC				
K. Wharf	100 1/4	6.78		
N. P. Wharf	17 1/2	6.78		
Dock	13 3/4	13.90		500 @ 17.25
Providence	17 1/2	13.90		500 @ 17.25
Wheelock	34 1/2			500 @ 34.50
LAND, ETC				
HK Hotel				500 @ 0.10
Shal Land	56 1/2	56 1/2		500 @ 56.50
Humphreys	14	14.75		500 @ 14.50
UTILITIES				
Tram	14 7/8	100		100 @ 10.70
Tram (C)	22			445 @ 112.50
Sat. Ferry	113 1/2			445 @ 112.50
C. Light	(C) XD	8.90		9 @ 1100 @ 9
(N) XD		6.60		300 @ 24
Electric	23 1/2	24		1100 @ 23.50
Sec. (Bonus)	12 1/2	22 1/2		200 @ 23.75
Nesaco	12 1/2	22 1/2		200 @ 22.25
INDUSTRIALS				
Cement	16 1/2	25.50		500 @ 16.10
Steel	23.50			
STORES, ETC				
Dairy	19 1/4	20		200 @ 20.50
Walton	26 1/2	27.25		1500 @ 27

Widespread Losses In London

London, Dec. 19.

British Government bonds weakened and small losses among overseas stocks were widespread on the London Stock Exchange today.

Minus signs among the Government issues were limited in most cases to 1/4 of a point. Oil and mining stocks were dull in quiet trading.

Japanese bonds "A" (4% of 1899) 61 1/2, "B" (4% of 1910) 52, "C" (5% of 1907) 104, "D" (5% of 1934) 71 1/2, "E" (5 1/2% of 1934) 114.

Consols 61 1/4.—Associated Press and United Press.

NEW YORK MARKET
New York, Dec. 19. Buying enthusiasm for a few issues buoyed the stock market today. Trading was at the best, pace in nearly two weeks.

Gains running to between 1 and 2 points were common a most time but in late trading many of these advances were cut back to major fractions.

Volume came to an estimated 1,500,000 shares as compared with 1,200,000 shares traded on Tuesday.

The more attractive stocks with the best gains were concentrated in oils, steels, motors, rubbers, and rails with a number of miscellaneous manufacturers joining in.

Dow Jones averages: Industrials 287.61, Rails 82.52, Utilities 46.88.—Associated Press.

LONDON TIN MARKET

London, Dec. 19. Prices of tin were steady this morning. Turnover was 70 tons, including 15 tons for cash. Prices closed at the end of the official morning session as follows:

Spot tin, buyers 930, sellers 925, business done at 927 1/2. Three-month tin, buyers 925, sellers 920, business done at 922 1/2. Settlement 921 1/2.—United Press.

ORDERS FOR UK

A Pakistan buying delegation has placed orders in Britain for £4,000,000 worth of jute mill machinery and £300,000 worth of paper-making plant. Delivery is to start in a year's time.

The delegation, headed by Gulam Faruqi, Chairman of the Pakistan Jute Board, left London by air last night for Karachi.—Reuter.

ROYAL INTEROCEAN LINES

SAILINGS	To
"TAN ANH" Jan. 22nd	Singapore, Java & Macassar
"TAN ANH" Jan. 24th	Singapore, Djakarta, Belawan, Deli & Penang
"TAN ANH" Jan. 26th	Djakarta, Tjirebon, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar
"TAN ANH" Jan. 28th	Manila, Singapore, Africa & S. America
"TAN ANH" Jan. 30th	MAIDEN VOYAGE
"TAN ANH" Jan. 31st	To Singapore, Java & Macassar
"TAN ANH" Feb. 2nd	Singapore, Penang & Belawan, Deli
"TAN ANH" Feb. 4th	Japan
"TAN ANH" Feb. 6th	Osaka, Kobe
"TAN ANH" Feb. 8th	Singapore, Java & Macassar
"TAN ANH" Feb. 10th	Manila, Singapore, Africa & S. America
"TAN ANH" Feb. 12th	Singapore, Java & Macassar
"TAN ANH" Feb. 14th	Manila, Singapore, Africa & S. America
"TAN ANH" Feb. 16th	Singapore, Java & Macassar

ARRIVALS	From
"TAN ANH" Dec. 19th	Manila & Singapore
"TAN ANH" Dec. 21st	Japan, Penang & Singapore
"TAN ANH" Dec. 23rd	B. Deli, Djakarta & Singapore
"TAN ANH" Dec. 25th	Macassar, Java & Singapore
"TAN ANH" Dec. 27th	S. America, Africa, Singapore & Manila

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"ARENDSEKERK"	Apr. 24th
"KILDEBICHT"	May 7th

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Rotterdam	Hongkong
"AAGTERKERK"	Dec. 21st
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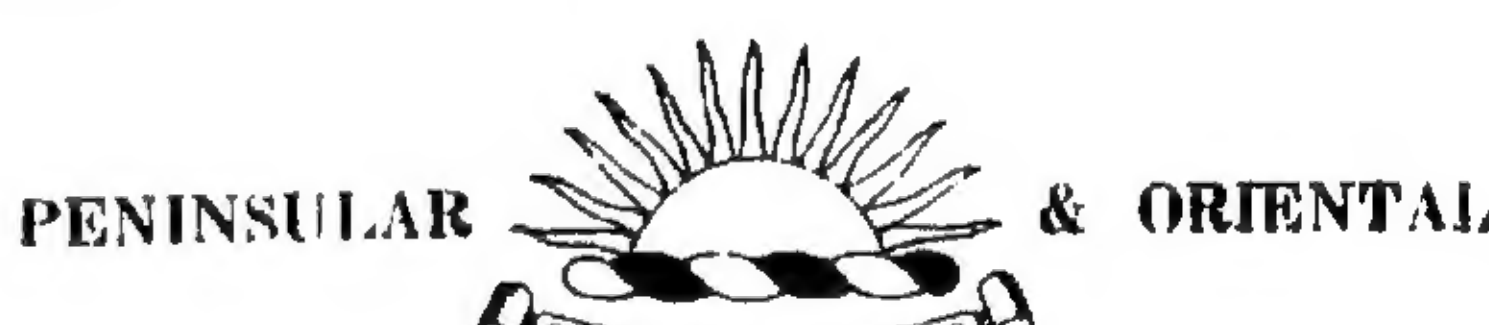
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THURSDAY, the 20th DECEMBER at 5 p.m. for the UNITED KINGDOM via Straits, Colombo, Bombay, Aden and Port Said.

BAGGAGE: All passengers baggage must be sent to the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf Co.'s Godown at No. 2 Gate, Canton Road Entrance by NOON on Wednesday the 19th December.

SPECIAL NOTE: With the exception of hand packages carried by passengers themselves, ALL BAGGAGE must Pass through the Wharf Co.'s Godown for loading on board by ship's slings only.

EMBARKATION: Will take place on Thursday the 20th DECEMBER between 2.30 p.m. and 4 p.m.

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Higher Prices For Cars

Washington, Dec. 19.

The Government said today that Ford, Studebaker, Hudson and Kaiser-Frazer automobile makers have applied for higher ceiling prices.

The Office of Price Stabilization (OPS) said the increases asked on autos range at the factory level, from 4.37 per cent on Mercury models to 28.48 per cent on Henry J. models made by Kaiser-Frazer.

The new prices cannot be put into effect until OPS has reviewed and formally approved the applications.—Associated Press.

Japanese Tea Popular

New York, Dec. 19.

Japanese tea is gaining in popularity in the United States. The Jontes Shokito Company here is accepting orders for two types of tea from Japan for individual delivery to its customers. Sencha and Hojicha teas, packed in lacquered containers, are in woven steel containers and wrapped in Japanese newspapers, are promised for delivery within five weeks.—Associated Press.

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Refreshment is a good idea

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HK's "Isle Of Happy Healing"

**SUE DAWSON
PAYS A VISIT TO NEW
LEPER COLONY**

It took just an hour for the "Spirit of Healing" travelling over the waters" to reach its destination. That is a literal translation of the words "Ling Hong" with which the boat acting as a ferry to what used to be Nun Island, has recently been christened. Its destination is now known as "Isle of Happy Healing," for that is the purpose of the island which by the end of the coming year will be a home to 500 lepers.

The island was acquired by the Mission to Lepers, HK Auxiliary, on August 7, and on that very day 27 of the most able patients moved there to found the colony. There the emigrants set up house in two thatched huts their predecessors had left, and two more were hastily put up.

The fact that it rained solidly for the first two weeks after their arrival did not stop them from getting on with the building of a more permanent structure, and with the help of a contractor and three "healthy" gardeners who set to on the land and soon produced all kinds of vegetables, they were soon well established.

In four and a half months the progress has been amazing. One arrives at a little jetty, and there just above the beach in a sheltered cove is seen a large, attractive building with a large moon gate in the centre. Another building is going up close by on some foundations left from a previous village, and to the left, on a hill overlooking the beach is a little house for the supervisors.

BUILD RESERVOIRS
Sixty-two lepers are there at the moment, and they have built one reservoir to hold 6,000 gallons, another as a reserve holding 400 gallons, and a smaller one for the "Healthy" staff.

Sgt-Major Davis conducted in a friendly way the path which the patients were building to his directions, and which heads over the hills to a site where a whole village will eventually grow.

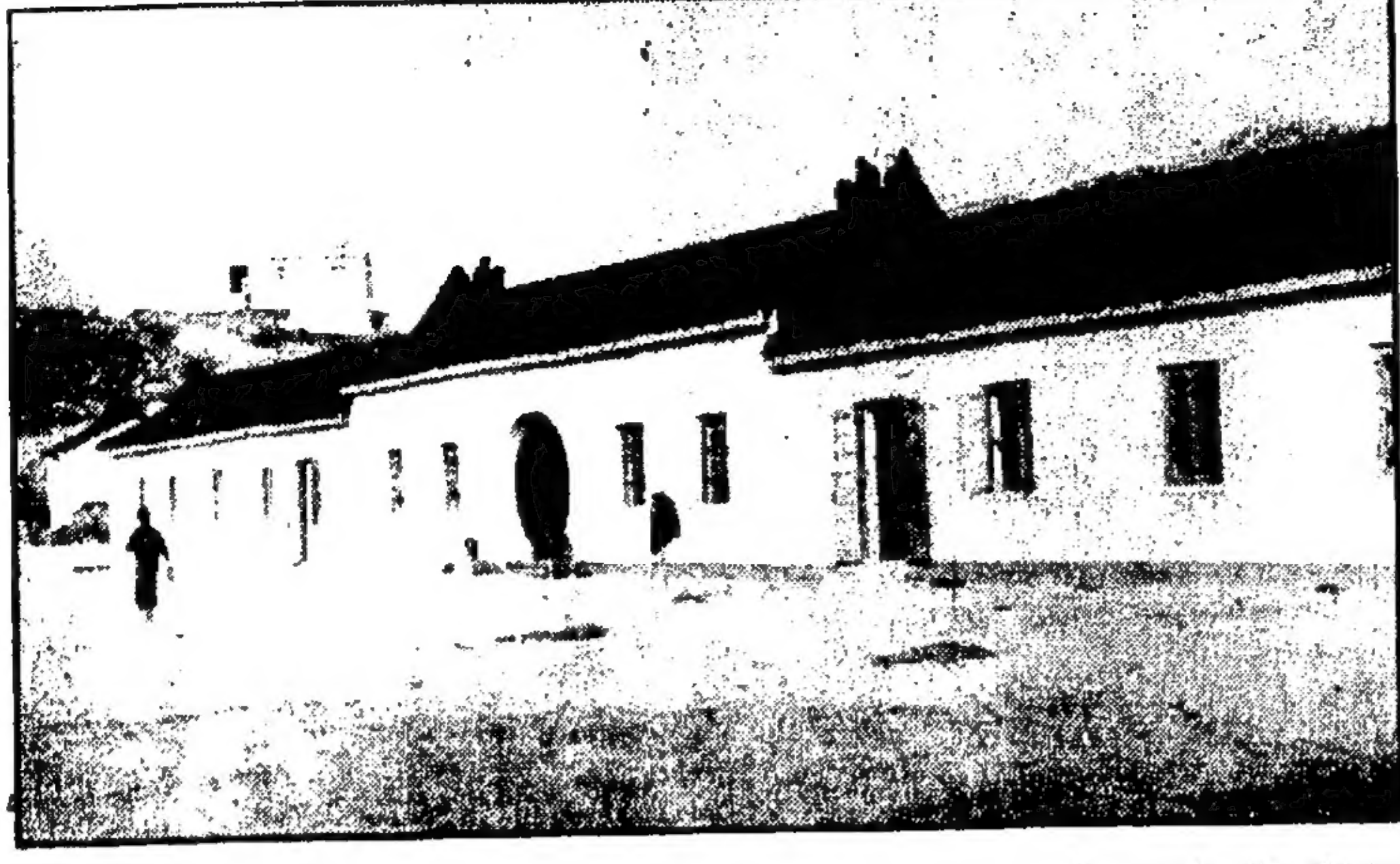
There are springs enough to feed a thousand inhabitants with unrestricted running water. But as Sgt-Major Davis explained, the problem is bringing the water from one end of the island, which is most unsuitable for building, to the valley nestling between the hills where the village is to be built, and further to the beach where the first buildings have gone up.

This is where the Sgt-Major, some of his stalwart Royal Engineers and other army volunteers are doing magnificent work over weekends and on high days and holidays by going to the island, laying pipes and directing where the road shall be cut.

As we stood on a hill overlooking the valley where a party of lepers were clearing the sites for the new cottages, Dr Fraser of the Mission to Lepers, who is in charge of the camp, pointed to a neat pile of grey stone scattered about on the opposite hillside and which looked like little flocks of sheep from where we were standing. Forty thousand hunks of stone had been excavated at 26 cents a block, to build the new hospital and cottages, but the contractors had then said that they wanted higher rates of pay as the stone was difficult to work. This was not forthcoming, so they left.

HISTORIC GROUND
While making a clearing in the valley for the site of this new village, some ancient ruins were found. There must at one time have been quite a large community inhabiting the island, and although the date is uncertain, axe heads have been found in the surrounding hills which a local collector has confirmed to be between two and three thousand years old! So it is historic ground that the new cottages will be occupying.

Another twenty lepers from Sandy Bay are being sent over shortly. There will then be about 200 in the old huts on



Top picture shows some of the buildings already constructed at the new leper colony, while above some of the patients are seen busily erecting another building.

Gunner's 3 Traffic Offences

It was a Scotsman home on leave from India who founded the Mission to Lepers in Dublin in 1884, which has since spread all over the world.

Government have recently set aside \$350,000 for the development of the island, and there are great plans afoot for forestation, agriculture and even the purchasing of a fishing fleet to make the colony self-supporting.

One of the greatest problems connected with the work is rehabilitation of the non-contagious patients. They are to be taught carpentry, weaving, gardening, embroidery, knitting and a hundred and one other crafts so that they will be fit to join society again.

But this poses a problem for a number of reasons, chief among them being that there is so much myth connected with the disease in the minds of the Chinese, that the families of the recovered patients are terrified.

That is where the Marianne Reich group comes in. These women take it upon themselves to clear up some of this superstition, and try to remove the stigma attaching to the disease.

This group run bazaars and organise functions which bring them much needed publicity besides raising money for the cause.

It is a fact that if all the non-contagious patients could return to society and receive treatment at the clinics as out-patients, there would be room for the really needy who are at present having to be turned away.

Although children and young adults are most susceptible to the disease, there are only five children in the camp, and three of them belong to the same family.

Contrary to a common idea, leprosy is not a hereditary disease, but young children usually get it from contact with their parents are leprosy although it may take years to reveal itself.

There are two to three million lepers in the world, and it is a problem that reaches back over 3,000 years—about as far back as the axe head which has just been found on the little island which is to be the new home for 500 of them.

Home For Lepers

Chinese New Year Fair

Stall Sites Ballot

The balloting for stall sites at the Chinese New Year Fair was carried out at the Hawkers' Office, Leighton Road, this morning under the supervision of officials of the Urban Council including Mr Fung Ping-fan and Mr W. E. Collard, assistant Secretary of the Council.

Mrs K. M. A. Barnett, wife of the Chairman of the Urban Council was in charge of the draw.

The site for the Fair on Hongkong side will be along Gloucester Road, starting from Fenwick Street and ending at Fleming Road, and along Lung Road and O'Brien Road starting from Lockhart Road towards the Praya.

In Kowloon the stalls will be erected along Shan Tung Street from Sai Yeung Choi Street to Yim Po Fong Street, along Tung Choi Street from Nelson Street to Soy Street, and in Sai Yee Street from Shan Tung Street to Nelson Street. Other stalls will be in Nelson Street from Sai Yee Street to Yim Po Fong Street and in Yim Po Fong Street from Nelson Street to Shan Tung Street.

The total number of stalls will be 750, including 400 in Hongkong.

Majority of these stalls will be offering fresh flowers, gold fish and rock plants, — 231 in Kowloon and 214 in Hongkong.

For Chinese confectionery there will be 64 stalls in Hongkong and 11 in Kowloon, and 50 stalls for curios and crockery on the island and 13 in Kowloon.

Other stalls will deal in artificial flowers, paper decorations, fruits, dried meat, haberdashery, sandal wood, pictures, calendars, toys, stationery, ice cream and aerated waters.

The fair will be closed on the evening of January 28.

During the draw this morning, over a thousand applicants gathered in the rain in the compound of the Hawkers' Office to watch the draw. A total of 1,887 applications were received for the 750 sites available.

Persian Activity At Abadan

Tehran, Dec. 19.
Persia's National Oil Company has completed a lubricating oil production plant at Abadan, which it seized from the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company and will start production soon, according to newspaper reports. Output will be 20,000 litres a day, the reports said.

Persia needs 15,000 tons of lubricating oil a year, while the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company used to import—Reuter.

LEFT GAOL AND REPEATED THE OFFENCE

False Passport Statement

Following his release from the Stanley Prison where he had served a sentence for a similar offence, Tang Cheung, 57-year-old proprietor of the Kui On Kee Scaffolding shop, was sentenced to one year and additionally fined \$1,000 or six months by Mr Poon Yan-hoi at Central this morning for making an untrue statement in assisting another person to procure a passport.

Fung Yuet-hing, 59-year-old Mining Department manager of the Yao Dah Trading Company, of 135, Connaught Road Central, was also sentenced to one year and fined \$1,000 or six months for committing the same offence.

Both defendants pleaded guilty.

Prosecuting against Tang Cheung, Det.-Insp. P. Lowe of the Commercial Crime Branch told the Court that defendant acted as guarantor of a Chinese known to him as Li U-lin, who applied for a passport to proceed to the United Kingdom.

When enquiries were made by Police into the case the applicant admitted that he was not Li U-lin but Li Wai-ng.

Insp. Lowe said defendant in this case was serving sentence for a similar offence when he obtained enough money to pay the fine. However, he was re-arrested on December 18 in connection with the present case. He admitted that he did not know Li U-lin personally but was introduced by a Portuguese friend, and he received \$40 for signing the document as guarantor.

Defendant also admitted that he had been involved in three other cases of similar nature which the Prosecution produced before Court for consideration saying that passports had been issued in those instances and the applicants had apparently left the Colony. Accused had told the Police that he received sums of \$40 to \$50 in each case.

FOUR OFFENCES
Referring to the case against Fung, Insp. Lowe said defendant was arrested yesterday and he admitted he was involved in four different cases.

A passport had been issued to a Chinese named Leung Ting-chong for whom he acted as guarantor. In his statement as guarantor, he declared that he had known the parents of the applicant for 35 years and was present at the birthday party of the applicant. All of this was false.

He admitted he also acted in a similar capacity in three other cases in all of which passports had been issued. He told the Police that his wife was sick and he was in need of money to meet the medical expenses. He said he was approached by a Portuguese and was told that what he was doing was not against the law.

Defendant also admitted that he received between \$30 and \$40 in each case.

Gas Threat To Villages

Pau, Dec. 19.
Air, rail and road transport in and around the oil town of Laci, near here, was stopped by police tonight as a vast cloud of escaping oil gas, planned to creep down the hills and into the Pyrenean villages.

A police warning said that the slightest spark could provoke a terrible explosion.

A derrick of a large oil pit broke in two this morning and oil gas spurted free with pressure. Pit workers will toll all tonight to stop the flow and hope that immediate danger would be averted at dawn when the fog—and the gas—are expected to rise. The clamp-down on transport out of Pau from Bayonne and Spain—Reuter.

Living Language

Why we say Candidate.
The Latin "candidus" means white and the word "candidate" came about because Romans seeking election to public office used to attire themselves in white togas, perhaps to symbolise the purity of their character. The word "candid," meaning open and frank, has the same origin.

Mail Notices

Latest times of posting at G.P.O. and at Kowloon Post Office registered articles and parcels must close one hour earlier than the ordinary mail times shown below:

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20	
By Air	Indo-China, 5 p.m.; Afr. France, 5 p.m.; Siam, Malaya, Indonesia, 5 p.m. C.P.A.
By Surface	Macao, 8 a.m.; 6 p.m., as Lee Hong/Tak Shing.
By Air	India, 2 p.m., as E. Sang.
By Surface	Japan, 8 p.m., as Sushan.
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21	
By Air	Japan, Canada, U.S.A., 8 a.m.
By Surface	U.S.A., 8 a.m., as Lee Hong/Tak Shing.
By Air	Formosa, 10 a.m.; C.A.T. Formosa, Okinawa, 5 p.m.; H.K. Airways.
By Surface	N. Borneo, Australia, New Zealand, 5 p.m.; Q.E.A. Malaya, Indonesia, Ceylon, India, 5 p.m.; B.O.A.C. Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., 8 p.m., as Sushan.
By Surface	Siam, 5 p.m.; P.O.A.S. Macao, 8 a.m.; 6 p.m., as Lee Hong/Tak Shing.
By Air	China People's Republic, 8.30 a.m., train via Canton.
By Surface	Philippines, 9 a.m., as Agapenor.
By Air	Japan, 8 p.m., as Sushan.
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22	
By Air	Siam, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, (via Bangkok), Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 11.30 a.m., via B.O.A.C.
By Surface	U.S.A., Canada, 8 p.m., P.A.A. Formosa, 3 p.m.; C.A.T. Japan, 8 p.m., as Sushan.
By Surface	Indo-China, France, French North & West Africa, 5 p.m.; Afr. France, 5 p.m.
By Surface	Macao, 8 a.m.; 6 p.m., as Lee Hong/Tak Shing.
By Air	China People's Republic, 8.30 a.m.; 5 p.m., train via Canton.
By Surface	Formosa, 9 a.m., as Shengking.
By Air	U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America, 1 p.m., as Trade Wind.
By Surface	Malaya, Burma, India, 2 p.m., as Sango.
By Air	Japan, 2 p.m., as Hermelin.
By Surface	Indonesia, 5 p.m., as Tjivang.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23	
By Air	Formosa, 5 p.m., via H.K. Airways.
By Surface	Macao, 1 p.m., as Tai Loy.
MONDAY, DECEMBER 24	
By Air	Japan, 5 p.m., via B.O.A.C.
By Surface	Formosa, 3 p.m.; C.A.T. Canada, 8 p.m., via H.K. Airways.
By Surface	Siam, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 5 p.m.; C.P.A. Indo-China, 5 p.m.; C.P.A. Macao, 8 a.m.; 6 p.m., as Lee Hong/Tak Shing.
By Surface	China, People's Republic, 8.30 a.m., train via Canton.
By Surface	Indo-China, 5 p.m., as Grete Maersk.
By Surface	Malaya, 9 a.m., as Sunnyville.

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